

Le Nara Wrangler
JEANS

- ★ New attractive men's denim jackets
- ★ Ladies jackets from International Le Nara
- ★ New sweat-shirts for men and women from Wrangler.

Available at Wrangler

ARAB TIMES

WEST END WATCH
something new in the watch world...

Yacoub Youssef Behbehani

NO. 7163 THURSDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4-5, 1988 JAMADI AL-THANI 16-17, 1408 AH 24 PAGES 150 FILS

THE WORLD THIS MORNING

Hashish seized
NEW DELHI, (Reuters): Police in New Delhi seized hashish valued at \$15 million yesterday, their biggest haul in the Indian capital.

Ports reopen
CAIRO, (Reuters): Four Egyptian ports reopened yesterday after being closed for two days because of rough seas and high winds, officials said.

Heroin seized
MILAN, (AP): Italian police seized four kilograms (8.8 pounds) of pure heroin in a crackdown on a drug trafficking ring between Turkey and several Western European countries, police reported yesterday.

Attack on school
CHANDIGARH, (Reuters): Sikh gunmen fighting for an independent homeland attacked a school yesterday in India's northern state of Punjab and killed four people, police said.

Greek denial
ATHENS, (Reuters): Greek government spokesman Yannis Roubatis denied yesterday that Athens had assured the United States that US military bases would not leave Greece.

AIDS drug
AMSTERDAM, (Reuters): The only drug known to slow the progress of AIDS may also prevent people infected with the virus from actually developing the disease, a researcher said.

Worst storm
CAIRO, (UPI): Jordan's worst storm in half a century blanketed parts of the country with up to 20 inches (50 cm) of snow and flooded others with record rainfall. Egypt's state-run news agency said yesterday.

INSIDE

24-page issue today a 6-page supplement on Sri Lanka

International	2
Kuwait-Gulf	3,4
Events	5
Editorials	6
Business	13,16
Stocks	14,15
Features	17
Classifieds	18
Urdu	19,20,21,22
Sports	23,24

آج کے اردو صفحات میں
والی حضرت امیر کی طرف سے فلسطینی
تحریر کی حیات و دود
و محاسن ایشیائی دور کی برتری اور
جوت بنے گئے۔
و مقبول عرب علاقے میں کفر کو کھنڈ
و سپر سونڈر ایٹمی اسٹیشن کی خبر
پاکستان سیاست پر اثرات شدت کا تجزیہ
و اپنے اپنے حصے کی جی ملاؤ
و اچھا خزانہ کا جو سماج اور
و فلان کرنا کیا کہیں۔
حکومت صفحہ

WEATHER

FAIR weather with light to moderate northwesterly wind.
State of sea: moderate
High water: 2.00 am, 12.00 pm
Low water: 7.00 am, 8.00 pm
Sunrise: 6.36 am
Sunset: 5.28 pm
Maximum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 20°C 68°F
Amman: 19°C 66°F
Falkland: 18°C 64°F
Maximum temperature expected:
Kuwait: 19°C 66°F
Amman: 18°C 64°F
Falkland: 17°C 63°F
Maximum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 70 per cent
Amman: 72 per cent
Falkland: 78 per cent
Maximum humidity expected:
Kuwait: 69 per cent
Amman: 70 per cent
Falkland: 76 per cent
Minimum temperature recorded:
Kuwait: 6°C 43°F
Amman: 9°C 49°F
Falkland: 10°C 50°F

Amir extols Palestinian revolution

Plans for settlement meant to foil uprising

HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, yesterday urged prompt and effective support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and warned against recent proposals for settlement that are intended "to foil this Palestinian revolution."

"If our Palestinian brothers feel that no one is supporting them, frustration would creep in. Therefore, it's our duty to support them not with words, statements and army parades but rather with action and prompt backing," he said.

The Amir made the remarks while receiving representatives of the Palestinian community, who thanked him and the Kuwaiti government for their support towards the anti-Israeli uprising.

Gratitude

Responding to a statement by the PLO representative in Kuwait, Aouni Battash, the Amir said: "As for Kuwait's attitude toward the Palestinian revolution, I do not want to hear words of gratitude because we think and believe that what we have done was a duty towards brothers who are trying to regain



HH the Amir

their homeland, which was usurped by the enemies with the help of big powers."

The Amir said Kuwait would shy away from saying it did for the Palestinian people as much as it really wanted to. "There are things and circumstances that make one unable to do all that he wants," he said.

"All that we hope to hear from

the Palestinian people one day is that 'Kuwait stood by their side' ... and this is what will honour us," he added.

The Amir described the massive anti-Israeli protests which erupted last Dec 8 as "a genuine Palestinian revolution."

Revolution

He recalled that he had earlier said that this revolution was the result of oppression and injustice practised by the occupiers and despair of support of the Arab nation.

The Amir also reiterated his firm belief that "this revolution was not planned by any Palestinian group or any Arab state."

He indicated that the heroism of the Palestinians in the occupied territories makes one speechless because each of them is "sacrificing his life and dying more than once in single day."

Ranks

Referring to settlement proposals, he said those were designed to foil this Palestinian revolution, and stressed such plans "must not dissuade us from supporting the Palestinian people."

Israel was trying to push forward such plans as to thwart the

Death toll rises to 42

Violence erupts all over West Bank

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb 3, (Agencies): Israeli soldiers shot and slightly wounded at least five Palestinians today as violent demonstrations erupted throughout the occupied West Bank, the military said.

An Arab woman shot in the head during a clash with soldiers and Israeli civilians died yesterday, bringing to 42 the number of Palestinians killed in nearly two months of anti-Israeli protests, a military spokesman said today.

As'ma Sahnbeh, 23, was wounded on Monday in the Arab village of Anahia during violent demonstrations that left two other Palestinians dead and at least three wounded. The military is still investigating whether civilians or soldiers fired the lethal shots.

Protesters today threw stones at Israeli cars and buses and set up barricades in many West Bank towns and villages. The Gaza Strip was reported quiet.

Fire

In Dura, 16 miles (25 km) south of Jerusalem, youths set up roadblocks of burning tyres. An officer opened fire after the protesters attacked a patrol with metal bars and set the town hall door ablaze, an Army spokesman said. Two Palestinians were slightly injured, he said.

In the village of Silwad 12 miles (20 km) north of Jerusalem,

masked youths blocked a road in front of television crews. An Army patrol arrived. After tear gas and rubber bullets failed to disperse the rock-throwing protesters, the soldiers opened fire, lightly wounding three Arabs, the Army said.

At least five Israelis were injured in rock-throwing incidents in the Jerusalem and Bethlehem area, nine miles (15 km) south of Jerusalem, officials said.

In Bethlehem, an Israeli bus was pelted with stones outside the Dheisheh refugee camp. The Israeli passengers got off the bus and threw stones back and several Israeli motorists opened fire with their weapons, state-run Israel Radio said. Two Israelis were reported injured.

Envoy

Nablus, the largest West Bank city, and four nearby refugee camps remained under curfew for a fourth day, confining some 200,000 residents to their homes. Anahia and the village of Bani Na'im as well as the Jalazoun refugee camp also remained under curfew. A curfew was clamped on the Aida refugee camp today after violent demonstrations began.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent a top aide in France today although he denied the mission was connected to a grow-

ing momentum in the search for Middle East peace.

Shamir declined to say why he had dispatched cabinet Secretary Eliakim Rubinstein but said the envoy was not going to meet Jordan's King Hussein, who is in Paris on a European tour in drum up support for a Middle East peace conference.

Hussein's visit follows hard on the heels of a three-day trip to Paris by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, also aimed at drumming up support for the conference idea.

Mubarak arrived yesterday in Morocco and today held a round of talks with King Hassan.

Mubarak was quoted as saying that the political stand of Egypt and Morocco on the Palestinian crisis is identical.

In Washington, US officials said that a key adviser in US Secretary of State George Shultz will leave soon for the Middle East to see if Israel and Jordan are ready to negotiate an arrangement for some form of Palestinian self-rule.

The officials said last night that the trip will be made by Richard Murphy, Shultz' top adviser on the region.

They said there were no indications yet that the two sides were prepared in advance for elections in which the Palestinians in

(Continued on Page 2)

Third assault in five days

Iranians pepper tanker with gunfire

MANAMA, Feb 3, (AP): Iranian gunboats, returning to action a day after Iran's first reported jet strike on shipping in more than two years, today riddled a Norwegian chemical tanker with gunfire in the storm-whipped waters of the southern Gulf.

Gulf-based shipping executives said that in the latest incident, the 33,000-ton tanker Petrobulk Ruler was attacked twice, the second time as it frantically radioed a Mayday distress signal.

It was Iran's third assault on a neutral ship in the Gulf in the last five days. As usual, the attacks reflected Tehran's policy of blow-for-blow retaliation for Iraqi air strikes against Iran's own coastal oil shipping.

Positions

Iran claimed in a communique issued today that its anti-aircraft gunners shot down yesterday an Iraqi helicopter gunship that approached their positions on the northern front. Iraq did not report any aircraft losses yesterday.

The Tehran communique also said Iranian naval units intercepted and searched 12 cargo ships in the Strait of Hormuz yesterday, but allowed them to continue voyage after no Iraq-bound goods were found aboard. As usual, the communique reported the interceptions a day late and did not identify the vessels.

On Thursday a lone aircraft, identified by shipping officials as an Iranian F-4 Phantom, fired as many as two missiles at another tanker, the Liberian-flag Petroship Pilot, in the same area. The projectiles missed, one exploding in the water.

It was the first time since December 1985 that Iran's Air Force had been reported in action against ships in the Gulf.

The Oslo-based tanker Petrobulk Ruler, sailing empty, had passed through the Strait of Hormuz overnight and was off the coast of Sharjah, when it was ambushed about dawn, shipping executives said.

First reports said only one Iranian boat attacked, but the sources, who asked not to be identified, said later that the vessel was hammered first by a frigate, then by speedboats, with deck cannon, machine gun and rocket-propelled grenade fire.

They quoted the ship's Filipino captain, Filrenzin Diga, as saying fires caused severe damage to the crew quarters, radio room and other areas before they were quelled by the 25-member crew, also Filipinos. Diga and his first officer suffered minor injuries from flying glass, they said.

"I am not surprised, only a little shocked, a little shocked," Diga was quoted as saying in a radio-telephone report to the Manila office of his company, Oso Shipping.

Saddam

On the diplomatic front, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein conferred with a Soviet envoy visiting Baghdad at the time Iraq's Foreign Minister, Tariq Aziz, is in Moscow seeking to coordinate efforts to end the Gulf war.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Saddam and Gaibnizar Fallayev, a vice-chairman of the presidium, discussed bilateral relations, the Iran-Iraq war and the need to implement an United Nations Security Council ceasefire resolution.

Moscow, Iraq's main arms supplier, opposes US efforts to impose an arms embargo on Iran to force it to accept the UN proposal, which was adopted last July 20.

Bahrain shows off two torpedo boats

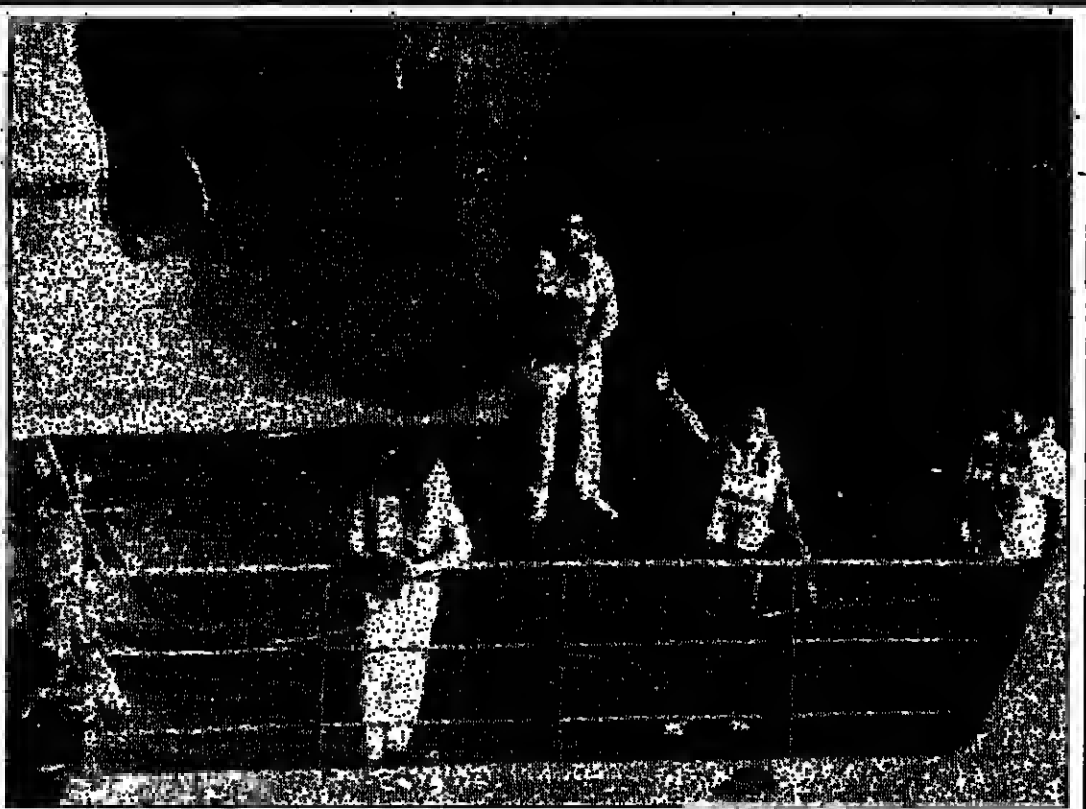
MANAMA, Feb 3, (AP): The Amir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, today inaugurated two torpedo boats, the latest addition to the central Gulf island state's fledgling naval forces.

The ceremony on the occasion of Bahrain's Defence Forces Day, was also attended by the Prime Minister, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the Crown Prince and BDF commander Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa

Al Khalifa. The two ships, supplied by West Germany, were described by the Navy commander, Youssef Mallallah, as "the backbone of the naval forces."

Bahrain's Navy now boasts of two Luerssen 45-metre gunboats and two Luerssen 38-metre boats, equipped with the Exocet anti-ship missiles.

The two newly acquired warships are 63-metre Luerssen type 62-001.



Filipino crewmen wearing life jackets wait for rescue aboard the Norwegian tanker Petrobulk Ruler after it was hit by Iranians in the southwestern Gulf. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rajiv receives N-submarine

NEW DELHI, Feb 3, (Reuters): India became Asia's second nuclear maritime power today when Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi accepted a Soviet nuclear-powered submarine.

Rajiv received the boat for India's rapidly expanding Navy at Vishakhapatnam Naval Base in the Bay of Bengal. It has sailed from the eastern Soviet port of Vladivostok.

India has leased the submarine, which is not armed with nuclear missiles, for training. It thus became only the second Asian nation after China with nuclear-powered warships.

Indian and foreign military analysts said the acquisition marked an important step in India's efforts to build a world-class, blue-water fleet capable of projecting power throughout the Indian Ocean.

Alert

Nuclear submarines are a formidable deterrent to surface fleets. They dive deep, travel fast, stay submerged for months and are hard to detect.

The analysts said India could acquire four or more boats.

Rajiv said at the welcoming ceremony India would maintain a state of military preparedness to meet any eventuality. He said the boat was not armed with nuclear weapons nor nuclear weapons simulators.

"All modern naval powers have acquired or are trying to acquire nuclear-powered submarines. We will not be left behind," he said.

"If we have to keep the destiny of India in our hands, then we must have full control of the waters around us."

India has now joined the elite nuclear boat club which includes the two superpowers, China, Britain and France. Canada also plans to buy nuclear submarines.

Details of the leasing deal have not been released but analysts said India would probably buy future submarines. PTI said the lease was for four years.

India eventually wanted to build its own nuclear boats with foreign technology, the analysts said.

Take it easy, live longer

TOKYO, Feb 3, (Reuters): Want to live a century? Eat lots of vegetables but don't indulge your appetite otherwise, get plenty of sleep and generally take it easy.

These were the findings of Sumitomo Life Insurance survey of 636 people who reached the age of 100 last year. The results were released today.

The survey also found that people who followed the advice had a good chance of living to 100 even if they were not from families where genetic factors favoured unusual longevity.

Kuwait is fourth

VIENNA, Feb 3, (Kuna): Kuwait ranks fourth among the world's prosperous countries. Kuwait is preceded by the UAE, the US and Switzerland, a scientific study comparing the standards of living in 184 countries of the world said.

The study relating to the "richer" and "poorer" countries in the world surveyed the standards of living of various peoples with the Austrian standard of living and listed Kuwait as fourth in the world.

US Senate confirms

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (Reuters): The US Senate today unanimously nominated federal judge Anthony Kennedy as a Justice of the US Supreme Court by a vote of 97 to 0.

British nurse strike widespread

LONDON, Feb 3, (AP): Thousands of British nurses demanding higher pay and more government spending on health care picketed hospitals today in the largest walkout by the profession since 1982.

The 24-hour "day of action" forced many hospitals to postpone non-emergency surgery and admissions, but no major disruptions were reported. Strike leaders pledged not to put patients at risk.

Mark Crail, a spokesman for the Confederation of Health Service Employees, which represents 156,000 nurses, said nurses struck 35 hospitals in London, and other walkouts were reported in scattered areas of England and Wales.

Overall, Crail said "tens of thousands" of nurses were involved in the protest, but the figure could not be confirmed independently. At many hospitals, non-professional health workers joined nurses on picket lines.

Protest

In Scotland, nurses scheduled a 24-hour strike for Feb 24. But other health workers struck some hospitals as part of a continuing campaign of selective strikes in Scotland.

No strikes were reported in Northern Ireland, but unions organised demonstrations in four cities in the province.

A Health Department spokesman said he was unable to provide any information on effects of the strike in Britain.

The one-day protest appeared to be having an uneven impact, with London hospitals most affected. The largest nurses' union, the 265,000-member Royal College of Nursing, refused to take part because of its no-strike policy.

At the 550-bed University College Hospital, a leading London teaching hospital, unit general manager Chris Webber said it was "business as usual," despite some picketing.

Surgery

He said, however, that the hospital cancelled non-emergency admissions and surgery in anticipation of the walkout.

At the 800-bed Royal Free Hospital in north London, about 50 uniformed nurses, along with clerks, receptionists and cleaners, picketed outside the building, displaying posters with such slogans as "No nurses, no future," and "Stop the hutchery of the NHS." NHS stands for the National Health Service.

Nurses unions organised the strike to bolster a longstanding campaign for better pay and a massive infusion of government money for the National Health Service, which provides free medical care in most cases for the entire British population.

It was the first time nurses agreed to a mass walkout in the 40-year history of the health service, intensifying pressure on the government for action to deal with what the medical profession believes is a health service crisis.

'Be my Valentine'
Express it in words
For just
KD 1.000

Valentine's Day is just around the corner let that special someone in your life know just how much you care.

All you have to do is:

1. Write your greetings clearly on the coupon provided in no more than 20 words.
2. Enclose your message with one dinar in an envelope and hand delivery it to the Arab Times office before 12pm, February 13, 1988.

To: _____

From: _____

Your Valentine greetings will appear on February 14, 1988.

INTERNATIONAL



© A sumo wrestler and other celebrities toss beans to visitors at Tokyo's Hie Shrine during "Setsuban," bean-throwing ceremony to mark the start of spring in Japan. (Reuters wirephoto)

Five killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Feb 3, (AP): Four Tamil rebels and an Indian soldier died in the North and East during the past 24 hours, Sri Lankan officials at the military command centre said today.

The officials said two of the dead were rebels who committed suicide after they were captured by Indian soldiers.

An Indian soldier was killed Tuesday and two others wounded in a land mine explosion in the northeastern Trincomalee district, the officials said.

In a shootout in the northern Jaffna peninsula, one rebel was killed and 17 others captured by the soldiers, the officials said.

Members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the main rebel group, carry cyanide capsules in order to commit suicide if captured.

At least 360 Indian soldiers have been killed in Sri Lanka since New Delhi sent in more than 35,000 troops to enforce a peace accord aimed at ending the four-year Tamil separatist war.

Gay rights

LONDON, Feb 3, (Reuters): Gay rights groups are wondering what their next tactic should be after a flamboyant demonstration in Britain's normally sedate House of Lords as it pushed forward legislation condemning promotion of homosexuality.

Members of the House of Lords, who are normally sedate, were told that the legislation was "a disgrace" and "a disgrace to the House of Lords".

The source, close to negotiations for Schray's release, told Reuters the kidnappers were resisting pressure from Syria, which has 27,000 troops in Lebanon, still expected the West German to be freed.

It was not clear what Syria would do next, the source said.

He declined to comment on the possibility of Damascus taking tough action against the kidnappers, believed led by Abdel Hadi Hamadi, an official of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah.

Hamadi's younger brothers Abbas Ali and Mohamed Ali are in custody in West Germany.

Contract surrogacy illegal

Adoptive mother gets custody of Baby M

TRENTON, New Jersey, Feb 3, (AP): The state's highest court today awarded custody of the child one known as Baby M to her father and adoptive mother. But it ruled that the surrogate parenting contract under which she was born was invalid.

The court also said that Mary Beth Whitehead-Gould, formerly known as Mary Beth Whitehead, and William and Elizabeth Stern has spawned a worldwide debate over surrogate motherhood and new reproductive technologies.

In today's landmark decision, New Jersey's highest court said surrogacy for pay is illegal under state law, but said that the child's father and his wife are best suited to raise her.

The child, now legally known as Melissa Elizabeth Stern, lives with the Sterns and will turn 2 on March 27.

Last March 31, judge Harvey

France offering arms to Indonesia

JAKARTA, Feb 3, (Reuters): France, pushing for closer military ties with South-East Asia's largest country, said it had offered to sell Indonesia ships and missiles and would like to conduct joint naval exercises.

France, mounting a high profile military sale drive against stiff competition from the US and several other Western European countries, is also pushing Indonesia to buy ground attack aircraft.

Secretary of State for Defence Jacques Boyon told a news conference that France is offering what he called an attractive financing package to Jakarta for purchasing MM-30 and MM-40 sea-to-sea missiles and naval frigates.

"The purpose of my visit is to enhance ties with Indonesia, because France believes Indonesia will be playing a very important role in this region in the future," said Boyon, the first French Defence Secretary to visit the country.

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Exercise

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Exercise

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Exercise

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Exercise

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Exercise

Boyon, who arrived on Sunday, met with armed forces commander Benny Murdani and Defence Minister Ponieman. He said he proposed joint naval exercises when French warships make

port calls in the country.

A French helicopter carrier, the Jeanne d'Arc and a destroyer, have been in Jakarta's port since Saturday to coincide with Boyon's visit which ended today.

Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) with a population of 172 million, is the world's largest archipelago, commanding the sea lanes between the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Boyon said he also offered a maintenance package for French-made AMX-13 tanks owned by the Indonesian Army.

Serge Dassault, president of Avions Marcel Dassault-Breguet Aviation, was in town last week and offered Jakarta a deal to build super-extended fighter-bombers under licence used by Argentina against Britain in the Falklands war.

President Suharto, who met with Dassault, said Indonesia would study the offer.

Dassault, France's sole manufacturer of military jets, did not receive a single foreign order in 1987. The company lost a contest to supply fighter aircraft to Indonesia, which opted for the F-16 made by General Dynamics

over the Mirage 2000.

Aquino moves to head off MNLF threat

Muslims to get autonomy soon

MANILA, Feb 3, (Reuters): The Philippine government will move urgently to settle demands for Muslim autonomy and defuse threatened new fighting by Muslim rebels in the south, a senior official said today.

The official, who has been involved in long-running talks between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) told reporters he expected President Corason Aquino to urgently establish a semi-autonomous local government in the south of the country.

Diplomatic analysts said the actions would help head off MNLF moves to gain full recognition by the multi-national Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

Senior military officers have warned that the MNLF was preparing to resume its largely dormant war in Mindanao and other southern islands as a prelude to the OIC meeting in Jordan in March.

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

The rebel group has said it expects to be given full membership in the pan-Islamic organisation on March 18 but denied it intends to reactivate a war which cost thousands of lives in the 1970s.

War

Manila last week recalled its Middle East envoys to plan a strategy to avert the MNLF threat.

Aquino's peace commission said the president would announce in mid-February the membership of a regional consultative committee to help run the southern regions, where most of the Philippine's five million Muslims live.

Senator Aquilino Pimentel, former chief negotiator with the MNLF who now heads the Senate Committee dealing with the autonomy question, said in an interview Aquino would issue a certificate of urgency after naming the regional committee.

The move, backed by Pimentel, would allow authorising legislation to be passed by both Houses of Congress in a day.

Analysts said it would demonstrate to the OIC that Manila was moving to give the Muslim minority greater independence and undermine one of the MNLF's main props in its bid for full membership.

Campaign

Meanwhile, the Philippine military vowed to launch a campaign to keep communist guerrillas on the run but warned that hundreds of rebel hit-men

had slipped into Manila slums signalling a new wave of assassinations.

"We have to go out and destroy the enemy... we want to bring the fight to wherever they are," armed forces chief General Renato de Villa said hours after a suspected rebel gunned down another policeman in a Manila suburb.

Elsewhere, troops for the third day running fired into the air to disperse rioters protesting alleged cheating by a government mayoral candidate in last month's elections in suburban Muntinlupa town.

In nearby Cavite, 20 people were injured when followers of newly elected Mayor Julian Medina and his rival clashed outside the city hall on Tuesday while Medina was taking his oath of office.

Threat

De Villa announced a new thrust in counter-insurgency strategy involving the use of civilian volunteers to protect population centres, freeing troops for an all-out war on the communist New People's Army.

Communist rebels threatened today to launch attacks against US personnel and installations in the Philippines to punish

paralysed the Tripura capital as throngs of people flocked to counting stations to await poll results.

Alert

More than 3,000 troops and paramilitary personnel remained on full alert across the state for possible attacks by the Tribal National Volunteers (TNV), a tribal rebel group that had vowed to disrupt the elections.

Officials said 85 per cent of Tripura's 1.3 million registered voters cast ballots for 218 candidates seeking seats in the 60-member assembly, controlled for 10 years by the Left Front led by Chief Minister Nripen Chakraborty's CPI (M).

The CPI (M) fielded 55 candidates and its coalition partners each put up a candidate.

Analysts said the front faced a strong challenge from an alliance of the Congress (I) Party, which contested 46 constituencies, and a regional tribal party, which ran

in 14.

Rajiv's party was trounced in 1983 polls, taking only 12 seats, while its partner took six. The CPI (M) captured 37 and the remainder were taken by its left front allies, other parties and independents.

In southern Tripura yesterday, officials said TNV rebels fired on voters at polling booths in three schools and a village.

Paramilitary police guarding the booths returned fire, forcing the rebels into the jungle, the officials said. There were no casualties and Army units arrived to hunt for the attackers.

Police blame the TNV for the killings this year of at least 100 people, mostly Bengali-speaking Hindu migrants from Bangladesh. Some 70 of the deaths occurred since last week.

As a result, Rajiv declared Tripura a "disturbed area," and called in the Army to assist police in maintaining security.

Shultz said yesterday that he is making diplomatic moves designed to provide "a greater sense of political control" to the 1.5 million Palestinians who live on the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza.

Syria will be included in the US consultations, Shultz said.

However, the US drive for negotiations is getting a mixed reception from King Hussein.

President Reagan's emissary, Philip C. Habib, found Hussein generally "receptive" to the US effort when they met last week-end in Amman, a diplomatic source said.

But the King did not endorse a specific approach to the Palestinian problem.

Proposal

One of the ideas under consideration is a proposal by Shamir to hold autonomy negotiations under the 1978 Camp David agreements.

The goal would be some form of self-rule for the Palestinians, to be followed by elections giving them the option of statehood.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said opening negotiations with Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied lands poses the biggest obstacle to peace initiatives and offered his blessing to "anyone who can lead to such a dialogue."

30 dead, 70 missing in Peru mudslide

LIMA, Feb 3, (Reuters): An avalanche of mud and rocks killed at least 30 people and left another 70 missing in Huanuco province in Peru, civil defence and police spokesmen said today.

At least a dozen vehicles were hurled as the mudslide swept through a valley across fields and wiped out more than 1,000 meters (yards) of roads in a forest area 420 km (265 miles) northwest of the capital.

"Up to now we have pulled out 30 corpses and we estimate that there are more than 70 people missing," a police spokesman at the site told Reuters by telephone.

Caught with pants down

SINGAPORE, Feb 3, (Reuters): Singaporeans who urinate in lifts are being caught with their pants down by an ingenious gadget.

The device, installed on a trial basis in some buildings, automatically jams the lift and activates a video camera when it detects urine.

Two men using a lift as a toilet last month were arrested thanks to the detector.

I'm unhappy that such things happen and that we have to resort to this to catch people," a local official said.

Torture is still rife in the world

GENEVA, Feb 3, (Reuters): Torture remains widespread throughout the world, and horrifying new methods and instruments are being used to inflict it despite United Nations efforts to combat the evil, a UN report said.

The document, submitted to a current annual session of the UN Human Rights Commission, said: "Allegations keep coming in from some countries where, after a change of regime, the present government has unequivocally stated that it will not tolerate torture any more."

"Evidently harsh treatment of detainees, often amounting to torture, has become a way of life in such a society and it seems to be extremely difficult to change those patterns of behaviour."

The report added: "New techniques of torture, sometimes horrifyingly sophisticated, are invented. New instruments for torture, sometimes specifically designed not to leave physical marks, are developed."

"The cries of pain and anguish from the victims of torture are still louder than the cries of indig-

Americans for supporting the government's anti-insurgency campaign.

"Our policy is all US representatives involved... as well as installations used in counter-insurgency operations are subject to punishment," the rebel New People's Army (NPA) said in a statement.

NPA assassination units, called "Sparrow Squads" because of their swift attacks, have been active in Manila and other major Philippine cities. On Saturday they threatened to attack Britons, Israelis and Australians linked to "enemy activities."

Last October, communist gunmen killed three American servicemen outside the US Clark Air Force Base north of the capital. Clark

US Gulf policy unlikely to change: Sheikh Saud

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3, (Kuna): Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Saud Nasser Al Sahah has predicted that the current American policy towards the Gulf will be maintained irrespective of who wins the forthcoming presidential elections.

"From my sense of Congress and the administration, I think it has become the foreign policy of the United States — bipartisan policy rather than a Republican policy," the ambassador said in an interview with "the San Diego Union", one of the largest newspapers on the West Coast.

The Ambassador said a Democratic administration might "respond somewhat differently because of the War Powers Act."

But Sheikh Saud added, "many who were outspoken on that issue have said to me that they do not oppose the Gulf policy even if the War Powers Act is implemented; that they would not vote to pull the US Navy from the area." He was quick to add, however, "let us hope we can find a solution before then."

Repaired

Asked about America's standing in the world, which had been bruised by a number of issues, including the Iran-contra scandal, the senior Kuwaiti diplomat commented, "this reflagging and protection (of international waterways in the Gulf) has repaired the damage that was done — and there really was damage when this whole revelation took place about the arms to Iran." The ambassador said a new era of cooperation has been started and expressed the hope "it will stay the course."

Sheikh Saud was asked about Iran's change of tactics and especially about its attacks against unescorted vessels in the Gulf.

He replied, "it is not our responsibility. The Iranians are hitting ships in international waters. That is an international responsibility... that is why we have the United Nations, although they do not seem to be

doing very much about overseeing the safety of navigation in troubled waters."

The Kuwaiti ambassador emphasised that the safety of navigation in international waters "is not the responsibility of a single nation."

Kuwait appreciates what the US is doing vis-a-vis reflagged Kuwaiti ships, Sheikh Saud said, "but we do not expect the US to protect all shipping around the world, including the Gulf, from Iranian attacks."

In response to another question, the Ambassador said the US like Kuwait, realises that if ships are left without protection in the Gulf, the whole economy of the western World will be affected. He also warned that for the US to pull back from the Gulf would give "a very negative signal to friends of the US in the Gulf region."

Sanctions

The Kuwaiti diplomat was questioned extensively by the San Diego Union newspaper on Iran and its refusal to accept the United Nations Security Council call for a ceasefire.

He expressed his conviction that no solution to the conflict can be found except through the Security Council approving a second resolution which will impose sanctions on Iran from all sources "and try our best to enforce it."

Another possibility for the war ending, he said, is for the two superpowers — the US and the Soviet Union — to end the war. But he noted that nothing of that sort came out of the December superpower summit in Washington. "But we feel that the Soviets are stalling — giving the Iranians more time because they do not really want to offend the Iranians."

Asked how damaging is the Soviet Union's posture of resisting an arms embargo, the Kuwaiti ambassador said:

"Very damaging. I think that if they would tell the Iranians that the USSR and the US are in agreement, that Iran should stop this war — period — the Iranians

would listen."

This is partly because the other source of arms to the Iranians are the Chinese, Sheikh Saud explained, adding, "the Chinese are waiting to see what the Soviets do. If the Soviets are undecided, the Chinese will continue to play around in this process."

Asked if a complete arms embargo will be enough to end the war or whether the superpowers would have to impose a blockade against Iran, Sheikh Saud replied:

"This is one of the alternatives we have talked about: the United Nations and agreement between the two superpowers."

"But the third most important, I think, is economic pressure on Iran."

The senior Kuwaiti diplomat said what the US congress did in imposing an embargo or boycott on Iranian oil and Iranian products "has been very effective," noting that the US has also pressured its other allies to stop buying oil from Iran, especially the Japanese.

"The Iranians really feel the pinch, because they do not have the ready cash to buy arms now," Sheikh Saud asserted "... and the Iranians are having much difficulty in selling their oil."

Oil embargo

At another point, Sheikh Saud said, "our hope is that when they feel the pinch of this oil embargo and any other kind of economic pressure we are able to impose on them, they will somehow accept a ceasefire. If they do not, then this economic pressure will continue and the people themselves will feel the pinch because the whole economic situation in the country is a disaster..."

Asked if a Gulf war resulted, would the superpowers become involved, the ambassador replied:

"I don't think the US will sit and watch the situation. I am not sure about the Soviet Union, but I do not think they would want to see an Iranian victory either, because if Iran is victorious in this war, they will give the Soviets more problems in Afghanistan."



HH the Amir yesterday received the PLO office director in Kuwait, Awlad Battash (third left) and leading members of the Palestinian community.

Ministry of Social Affairs seeks to improve services

IN line with state policies of fulfilling the basic needs of citizens, the Ministry of Social Affairs is seeking to upgrade the wide-range of services it provides to the public, according to Assistant Undersecretary for social care, Latifa Al Rujaih yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with Kuna, Al Rujaih pointed out that the ministry has greatly managed to provide the social needs of a wide-range of sections of the Kuwaiti society.

She indicated that special care was being given to the disabled with the aim of mitigating their handicap, and helping them

integrate into mainstream society.

The official noted that the ministry is also extending help to needy families facing financial strains as a result of losing their source of livelihood.

Other beneficiaries of ministry services are orphans, widows, juveniles and families receiving rent allowances.

Al Rujaih emphasized that Kuwaiti public and legislation aim to shield citizens against hardship to achieve social cohesion in fulfillment of the benign Islamic values.

Al Rujaih said social care homes are hosting more than 915 people ranging from mentally handicapped people, to the elderly and the disabled.

She added that 138 people are receiving training at the ministry's vocational training center.

The assistant undersecretary pointed out that the department of social care is recruiting university graduates to train social workers to be competent in carrying out their jobs.

She suggested high-performance training programs for social workers to enhance the level of social care in Kuwait.

Arabsat session

THE Board of Directors of the Arab Organisation for Space Communications (Arabsat) will hold its 44th meeting in Dubai from Feb 22 to 26, 1988, to review a number of technical, financial and administrative issues, particularly the establishment of the budget for the current fiscal year.

The board will also follow-up on the activities of Arabsat since their previous meeting, which was held in Oct 1987, in Morocco, the General Deputy Director of the United Arab Emirates Communications Organisation and UAE representative to Arabsat, Mohammed Hassan Al Omran announced.

Rajiv's message for Sheikh Issa

MANAMA, Feb 3, (Kuna): Indian state minister for External Affairs, Eduardo Faleiro today conveyed a message to the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa from Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, dealing with bilateral relations.

Faleiro, during the meeting also attended by Bahraini Foreign Minister Mohammed Bin Mubarak, discussed means of promoting their bilateral relations.

The Indian minister is currently within a tour of a number of Gulf countries already covered, Kuwait, Gulf News Agency (GNA) reported.

Higher Housing Council to meet

KUWAIT'S Higher Housing Council will meet this month to endorse the housing plan, scheduled to begin in 1991, which will include housing projects in Gihlah, Sharq, Jahra and Sulaybiyah.

The council will also adopt a resolution regulating the provision of housing for Kuwaiti women married to non-Kuwaitis.

Training course ends

THE performance evaluation course, organised by Kuwait's Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, concluded recently, with certificates being presented to those completing the course.

The course, attended by senior staff members from Kuwait University, the Education Ministry, the Civil Service Commission, the Communication Ministry and the Public Authority for

Change in appointment regulations

RASHED Al Rashed, Kuwait's Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and acting Chairman of the Civil Service Council, issued a resolution amending some of the articles of Law No. 14, 1979, regarding the appointment of public servants according to special contracts.

Under the new amendment the total salary of employees hired under special contracts must be the same as the Civil Service Scale, and can only be in excess of the scale's limits by agreement of the Civil Service Commission.

Al Rashed also issued a decision preventing new appointments in public establishments to positions which fall vacant during the fiscal year. He added that in urgent cases establishments could appoint employees to these jobs after receiving approval from the Civil Service Commission.

Jassar for Jeddah

KUWAIT'S Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs, Khalid Al Jassar is leaving today for Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to participate in the fourth session of the Islamic Fiqh (jurisprudence) conference opening there on February 6.

The conference is being arranged by the Organisation of Islamic Conference of which HH the Amir of Kuwait is the current chairman.

Training course on industrial safety

THE Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training, based in Riyadh, will organise a training course on industrial safety and the prevention of chemical-related accidents in industry.

The course, which is scheduled to run from Feb 6 to 24, will be supervised by experts from the centre with the objective of familiarising participants with dangerous chemical materials and their proper handling.

New traffic law study completed

THE Department of Legal Advice and Legislation at Kuwait's Council of Ministers completed their study of the new draft traffic law which is expected to be published soon.

The new law will exact higher fines and harsher penalties in an attempt to deter reckless drivers.

Modern Home Exhibition opens



Al Khalid (in front) looks at the furniture in a stall at the exhibition.

KUWAIT'S Commerce and Industry Minister, Faisal Al Khalid, yesterday opened the sixth Modern Home Exhibition at the International Hall at the Mishref fair ground.

The minister said that he was pleased with the level attained by the local furniture and decor industries.

He said that Kuwait's indus-

tries had made considerable progress and had been able to compete with imported products.

Al Khalid said it was time to create coordination between local producers and dealers.

He expressed admiration of the designs presented by participants from the GCC states

and said this was an indication of the progress and development of industries in the Gulf.

He stressed government support for local industries, saying this was shown by customs protection. The support was meant to enable the industry to compete with international industries and back up the national economy.

Embassy won't notarise contracts for maids

THE Philippine Embassy in Kuwait has announced that no employment contracts for female domestic workers will be accepted and notarised at the embassy from Feb 15.

It added that the Department of Labour and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (Poea) will not accept and process such documents for female domestic workers.

The embassy press release pointed out that the Filipino government's decision to suspend the deployment of female domestic helpers will be implemented worldwide and advised employers not to send air tickets and visas to workers in Manila.

Reorganisation of Farwaniya, Khaitan areas

MUSA Al Sarraf, the Director of the Organisation Department at Kuwait Municipality, said his department will be changing the organisational structure of the Farwaniya and Khaitan areas.

The department has studied the reorganisation of these two areas in an effort to provide the required public services and facilities, he said, adding that according to this study the reorganisation will require that some property be taken for the use by the state.

Promoting Cyprus

By Fathima Ahmed

CYPRUS is trying to recapture the tourist market in the Gulf after a 20.2 per cent drop last year, said Cleon Nafis, director of Cyprus Tourism Organisation (CTO).

Nafis, who is based in Bahrain, is in Kuwait on a brief visit to "promote the charm of Cyprus."

"I am here to refresh memories and remind people about my island country," he said.

He lamented the loss of a big chunk of tourist traffic from Kuwait and other Gulf countries, and said this was because large number of foreigners were leaving the region.

Another reason for reduced traffic is the charm for new destinations, he said.

Woo

"In the last two years, many tourists who normally headed for Cyprus went to new destinations," explained Nafis. Now, he believes, they have started going back to "Cyprus."

Some of the new destinations with which Cyprus is competing are Spain, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Tunisia.

"Cyprus is very much like the Arabs and offer similar hospitality, one reason why the tourists are coming back to us; and



Nafis: refreshing memories

we're still the cheapest" said Nafis, who expects to launch extensive campaigns through food weeks and other festivals to woo tourists.

A one-week holiday in Cyprus costs about KD 75, including bed and breakfast in a three-star hotel until the beginning of March. In March and April, it would cost about KD 115. From April onwards, when the tourist season starts, it would cost about KD 140 to spend a week on the island. There are over 40,000 beds in hotels ranging from one to five star, including flats.

The CTO, he said, has fixed the cost of food and hotel accommodation and would look into "any complaint about cheating."



Kuwait's Social Affairs and Labour Minister, Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed, yesterday visited departments of the ministry. Sheikh Nasser (centre) is seen receiving a gift from a member of the staff. The undersecretary, Issa Yaseen, is on the right.

GCC driving licences from 1989

BRIGADIER Fuad Musaed Al Saleh, the Director General of Kuwait's General Traffic Department, said that unified driving licences for the Gulf Cooperation Council will be issued from the beginning of 1989. He added that directors of GCC states traffic departments reviewed and approved the amendments to the unified traffic draft law at a meeting in Bahrain last month, headed by the leader of the Saudi delegation Major General Abdul Qader Kamal.

Officials agreed to Kuwait's proposal that a study be conducted on road accidents throughout the GCC states, he said, and scheduled the GCC Traffic Week to be held March 26.

22 accidents

A CHILD was rushed to the hospital for minor injuries sustained after being struck by a car and a driver of a taxi also received minor injuries when the car he was driving overturned.

There were 22 traffic accidents in Kuwait on Tuesday; eight in Alhamidi, six in Jahra and four each in Kuwait City and Hawalli.

Seminar on preservation of environment

THE Environment Protection Council yesterday organised a specialised technical seminar for those working at Shuaiba industrial area in which five lectures were delivered on dealing with liquid and solid wastes and spreading environmental awareness.

The seminar was held on the occasion of the environment preservation week sponsored by the council under the slogan "The Ideal Governorate" which was devoted this week for Ahmad governorate.

The seminar which was held at the headquarters of the general administration of Shuaiba industrial area was inaugurated by the director-general of the administration engineer Abdul Kareem Al Zamil.

Harmful Al Zamil emphasised the importance of preserving environment from pollution resulting from industry and stressed the need of cooperation of all industrial quarters to curb pollution and reduce it so as to ensure the safety of man.

Director of industrial services at the Alhamidi refinery, which is run by Kuwait National Petroleum company, Ramzi

Nussaba delivered a lecture on the role of industries in environment protection in which he emphasised that the sulphur contained in oil is considered a main source of pollution.

He added that the company is paying due attention for the protection of environment through reducing the harmful and poisonous materials that result from combustion.

He further said that though the gasoline used in Kuwait is of a low lead contents, the KNPC is continuing the efforts to reduce the lead rates and to produce a higher octane and unleaded fuels.

Director of the Environment Protection Centre Saud Al Hamlan then lectured on the role of the centre in protection of Shuaiba industrial area in which he said that the administration has implemented recommendations that contributed in minimising the rates of pollution.

The other three lecturers were Dr Eid Al Khatib from the Environment Protection Centre, Dr Dhari Al Ajmi from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and Tayeb Al Tayeb from Kuwait Petrochemical Industries Company.

Due to expansion we require

- A. The following personnel experienced in maintenance of low and medium voltage electrical systems including protection and control up to 11 KV.
1. Electrical engineers with 7 — 15 years experience
 2. Electricians with 7 — 11 years experience.
- B. Store/workshop approx. 500m² near city.

Tel: 2429326

REQUIRED TELECOM OPERATOR

A young male — energetic and experienced, preferably with driving licence and transferable visa No. 18.

Apply with full bio-data to: P.O.B. 5608, 13057 Safat — Kuwait



One of the course participants is presented a certificate at the closing ceremony.

\$2 million needed by 1989

Arab-Americans to build Khalil Gibran memorial

By David Walsh

WASHINGTON, (Kuna): If Cheryl Ameen has her way, in two years the nation's capital will be the site of a permanent memorial to one of the Arab world's and America's most revered artists and literary figures, Khalil Gibran.

For the first time, Arab-Americans would have one of their honored sons join other ethnic minorities in hallowed ground here.

In an exclusive Kuna interview, Ameen, the moving force behind the monument and like Gibran an Arab-American, detailed her progress so far and her reasons for getting involved.

"The idea took hold in 1982, when Beirut was being bombed" by Israel, she explained. "In some ways the idea sort of grew out of the ashes of Beirut."

Though Ameen — an artist, author, and not actively involved in politics, she said she felt "this was a nice positive way for me to respond" to the horrors of the bombardment.

Gibran, who was born in Lebanon in 1883 and died only 48 years later in New York, is regarded by philosophers and ordinary people the world over as an ardent disciple and symbol of peace.

Perhaps his best-loved and most critically acclaimed work of literature is "The Prophet." It is considered by Eastern and Western literary analysts to be a masterpiece of the "symbolist" school of verse.

Ameen said some of her relatives were in Beirut at the time of the massive bombardment, which often appeared indiscriminate. The awareness of this helped galvanize her decision, she explained.

Moreover, "it was very upsetting to me as an American to realize that my tax dollars were financing this destructive war," she added.

But Ameen, for reasons both temperamental and practical, chose not to register her outrage through stridency.

She observed there were many negative stereotypes of

Arabs in the US and added she believed a shrill political approach would only reinforce these.

Significantly, the anti-war figure of Gibran had long since been fondly embraced in the US and his works broadly studied.

"My feeling was that Khalil Gibran has already 'gotten through' to the Americans" with his message of peace. She said: "everyone loves him here."

"I think that we just need to let people know that in fact he was an Arab-American," Ameen added.

To that worthy end, Ameen explained that she had set up a private foundation to raise funds for the "close to two million dollar" project. The exempt "Khalil Gibran Centennial Foundation" is incorporated in the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.).

Ameen said it is so named because 1983 — when her idea started to germinate — was the 100th anniversary of Gibran's birth.

While some 100,000 dollars have been raised so far to finance the undertaking, including a generous gift from Saudi Arabian Ambassador Prince Bandar. — The "big, major campaign" will be formally launched Feb 14, she said.

She said, the sums to date represented an "unimpressive beginning," but added, a bit wearily, "I'd like to not have to worry about the money. I have enough to worry about trying to get through all the governmental bureaucracy — which is a major headache."

One high hurdle was crossed, though, when the US government offered prime land for the 100-year centennial memorial on prestigious Massachusetts Avenue, otherwise known as "Embassy Row."

In 1984, President Reagan signed a bill from Congress authorizing the offer — the same procedure used for all such city monuments.

But the federal park land can only be used (and the memorial

plan come to fruition) if the total donations are received by Oct 19, 1989, she stressed.

For that reason, the foundation is seeking funds "from every where." She said that included interested Arab governments.

In tandem with ongoing plans for the monument, the artist historian noted that a travelling exhibition of some of Gibran's many art works had already gotten off the ground and would be appearing in major cities across the US.

In fact, she went on, while Gibran was learning and perfecting his writing craft he supported himself through painting. Some works were oil portraits of famous people like actress Sarah Bernhardt famous American painter Albert Pinkham Ryder.

Many paintings are in Lebanon, she explained, but others are in the state of Georgia, bequeathed to his southern-born benefactors and book editor Mary Haskell.

Although the design for the memorial has not been finalized, Ameen explained: "We're not just doing a statue someplace. We're building a meditation garden, with fountains and all kinds of things that suggest spirituality."

Ameen added Gibran's "message of peace and brotherhood" would be the visitors would be encouraged to ponder at the site.

The foundation has engaged the services of the highly-respected architectural and landscape firm of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum.

She noted, this company is responsible for Washington's world-renowned National Air and Space Museum.

The meditation garden is intended to be open-air to promote the contemplative nature and purpose of the memorial.

Ameen also stressed that the site, across Massachusetts Avenue from the British Embassy, was heavily traversed and passersby and motorists could be viewed by thousands daily.

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 10.00 Fikrah Tarbiya: an educational programme presented by Jassim Al Gharab.
- 11.00 Songs
- 11.30 Islam Wal Insaan: religious programme hosted by Dr Abdul Suboor Al Shalim.
- 12.00 Ma Da'a Wa Anbana Min Akhbar Jahan: Arabic serial, part 14, starring Sheza Salem, Khalil Rifa'i, Mohammad Hussain' Abdul Rahim.
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.20 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Liga Al Khamis: roundup of local events
- 3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'Laah: cartoons
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.15 The Saint: Roger Moore plays the debonair detective, Simon Templar.
- 5.25 Maktabat Ala Wa Hina: children's programme
- 6.00 Ahsan: presented by Rasha Magdi
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Show Jumping, presented by Ali Hamdi

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

- 7.30 Maftoun Ayesh Farhan: Arabic serial. Starring: Sayeda Kawi, Hasmah Hamada, Huda Hamada, Hilal Mohammad.
- 8.30 With Islam: hosted by Dr. Khalid Al Madhkur
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 From People's Art
- 10.25 Safah Karmouz: Arabic feature film starring Yumma Shaki, Noora, Yawfiq Dugqa, Hassan Mustafa.
- 12.00 Late Night Variety Show: hosted by Amna Al Sharrab.
- 1.30 News Summary
- 1.35 World News via Satellite
- 2.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

FRIDAY

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.50 Children's Magazine
- 10.00 News Summary
- 10.05 World News via Satellite
- 10.20 Hikayat Min Alam: Stories from Around the World.
- 11.00 And What the Prophet Said: religious programme.
- 11.15 Friday Prayer
- 12.15 Min Wahd Al Ayan



The Bill Cosby Show, 8.30 pm on KTV 2.

- Al Bayanat: religious serial
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.20 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 INTERVAL
- 2.30 Preview of next week's programme on KTV
- 3.15 Hadith Deeni: religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutwali Sharawi.
- 4.00 Antar Wa Abila: Arabic feature film, starring Siraj Mumi, Koka. The film is on the life of poet Antar Bin Shaddad and his rise to fame.
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.10 Kul al Fumoni: hosted by Rasha Magdi.
- 7.45 Weekly Seminar
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 10.00 Wrestling
- 10.45 Songs and Music
- 11.00 Qulub End Al Marafiq: 5, Arabic play featuring

- Maryam Al Saleh, Huda Hussain, Ibrahim Al Harbi. A social series on the role of the family in Kuwait and Bahrain.
- 11.50 News Summary
- 11.55 World News Via Satellite
- 12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

- 3.00 Holy Quran
- 3.10 Sports Studio: Big League Soccer, American basketball and sports magazine
- 6.00 Centurions: cartoon serial
- 6.30 The Mickey Mouse Club: "Ex-Mouseketeers"
- 7.00 Rags to Riches: "High Society"
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Max Headroom: "Baby Growbags"

Carter stumbles upon information about a company producing geniuses.

9.30 Bill Cosby Show: "Mother May I?" Clair is not too happy about Vanessa's new fad: make-up.

10.00 Paul Daniels Magic Show

10.30 Late Night Movie: "The Conqueror". Starring: John Wayne, Susan Hayward, Pedro Armendariz, Agnes Moorehead, Lee Van Cleef. Wayne plays Temojin, a Mongol emperor who captures Bortai, played by Hayward. The six million dollar epic was directed by Dick Powell in 1956.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Closedown

FRIDAY

3.00 Holy Quran

3.10 Sports Studio: roundup of world and local sporting events.

6.00 She Ra — Princess of Power: cartoons

6.30 Airwolf: "Black Jack". The team is asked to rescue mercenaries in the Far East.

7.30 Spitting Image

8.00 News in English

8.40 Breaking Away

9.05 Matlock: "The Angel". A singer, accused of murder, hires Matlock to defend her.

9.30 Weekend: local programme

10.00 What A Country: "Love Finds Nicolai". Nicolai meets a Russian girl and falls in love with her.

10.30 Crime Story: "Top of the World". Lucas' friends abandon him after they are caught in a police dragnet.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

SOCIAL

Valentine's Day Ball

Valentine's Day Ball will be held on Feb 12 at Messiah Beach. Further details from Ahmed — 2435166, office hours.

Canadian Women's League

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 6, from 4 to 6 pm. For venue and further details ring 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

The next coffee morning will be held on Sunday, Feb 7, at 10 am at Kuwait Hilton Hotel's Old Follies room. All German-speaking ladies are welcome.

Kuwait Cultural Centre

Ballet lessons for children will be held on Sundays and Tuesdays from 5 to 6 pm. Tel: 5624393 for details.

Greek Get-together

The Greek Embassy will hold a get-together to celebrate the Vassilopita on Friday, Feb 5, from 6.30 to 8 pm at the school premises of the embassy of Greece in Surra. All members of the Greek community are invited. For details phone 5335861.

Kuwait Welsh Society

Annual St. David's Day dinner at Messiah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

Kuwait Natural History Group

The next meeting of the group will be held on Feb 9, Tuesday, 7.30 pm at the Gulf English School. Mahmoud Shihab of the Science Museum will give an illustrated talk on "The Reptiles of Kuwait."

Finnish

Finnish will hold a Valentine dinner-musical at 6.30 pm Feb 12, Friday, at Al Dirra Ballroom, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free transport will be provided from the Church from 6 pm. For tickets ring 2439451, Mabuhay or Lords restaurants.

Goan Show

The Goan Community will hold a cultural show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence on Feb 5, 3.30 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Fumatees. Invitation cards available from the Football Club, Kuwait Goans Association, N.G.O.A. and organisers. Transport will be available at 2.30 pm on Friday (Feb 5) from the Church in Kuwait City, Abbasiya Coop and Farwaniya, main road (opp. Grand Stores).

Danish Meeting

Danish Dances are invited to the "Festiva" party on Feb 12, 1 pm at the Goan Club. For reservations contact Conde — 3947693; Karen-Marie — 3946725. Feb 9 is the last date for registration.

Music Concert '88

Music Concert '88 will be held at Al Andalus Cinema. For details phone 5618482.

Winter Serenade

Tonight is the last show of the Kuwait Players Winter Serenade at Meridian hotel, featuring hasty cuisine, music, show stoppers, nostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jenny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Langhorne and Glenn Muckle. Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. ACT.

Any Texans or adopted Texans interested in helping with ACT's March 3 Texas Independence Day Party please contact 5725071; 2528366; 5639204.

Kuwait Society for Handicapped

An open house featuring everything from silks to groceries, silverware to rugs and toys, is being held at the premises of the Kuwait Society for the Handicapped, behind Andalus Cinema, Cairo St. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm, until Feb 15.

Kuwait Roundels

Aiden J. Harvey (British TV comedy impressionist) will be the special guest at the Kuwait Roundels 1988 Gala Annual Ball at Messiah Beach Hotel on Feb 11, Thursday. Tables available for six, 10 or 12 people. Dress formal? lounge suit. Tickets — KD 10. For reservations ring Paul Richards — 5337597; Martin Cheatham — 4745916.

HOTELS

At the Sheraton

A wide repertoire of music ranging from 17th to 20th century music, including light jazz, will be presented by the Sheba Sound, a quartet of two oboes, a bassoon and harpsichord. The group will give a one-night performance on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

At the Meridian

Thursday: Eat to the Beat: featuring mezzah, salads, barbecued meat, seafood; live music by Ghassan Najjar.

Friday: family fun featuring Oriental buffet with musical entertainment; playroom with cartoons, Lego games, video games and entertainment by Bugs Bunny and Donald Duck. From 12 noon to 4 pm in La Brasserie.

At the Ramada Al Salam

Thursday: barbecue dinner with live entertainment at Le Mirage night club.

Friday: family brunch from 12 noon to 3 pm; highlights — magician, painting contest for children, games and ship's discovery tour. El Merasa dining restaurant offers steak and seafood specialties open from 7 pm to 11.30 pm.

At the Continental

Continental offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner, buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Dabbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

At the Holiday Beach

British impressionist and comedian J. Harvey, who appeared in ITV's Copy Cats, will perform at the Hotel's Nightclub on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

At the Hilton

Start your Friday with the brunch buffet featuring specialties of the deep American south like crispy corn patties, sugared yams, New Orleans jumbalaya, spicy cajun rice and much more at La Palma. Enjoy jazz blues played by the Magnetic Band Quartet. At the Holiday Inn.

Thursday: Exotic Sham-o-Hind (Indian Night) offering North Indian and Bengali food in Al Dana Restaurant. Music by the Carmen Trio.

Friday: Joyce's super-Friday brunch, fun time for the whole family from 11 am to 3 pm with half rate for children.

ARTS

National Museum

Modern art paintings by Kuwait artist Ahmed Al Munayes are displayed at the National Museum; open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

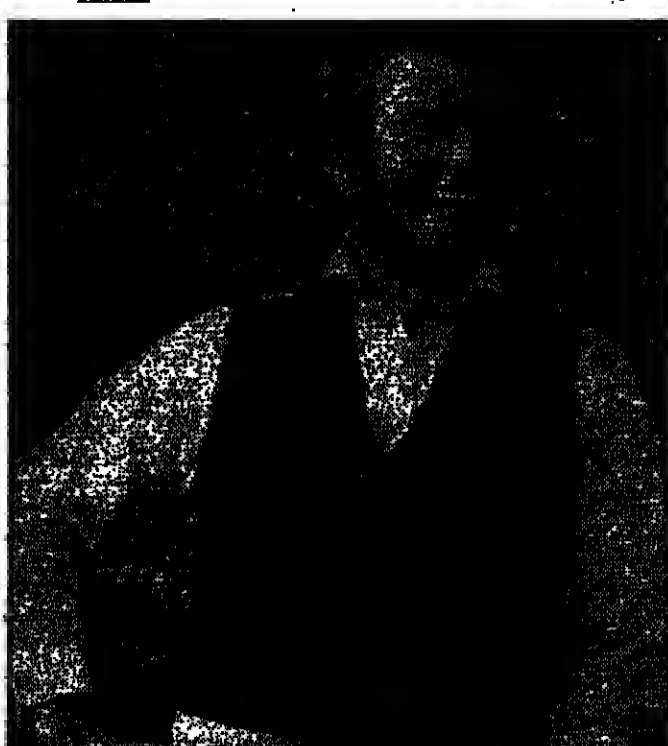
THEATRE

KLT — Comedy

Tonight is the last performance of KLT's comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott. Tickets — KD 3. For reservations call 3947651.

Kuwait Players

Tap dancing auditions (men and women) will be held at the Universal American School on Monday, Feb 8, 7.30 pm for the play "Stepping Out," to be directed by Ken Winston. Final casting will take place at the same venue at 3 pm on Feb 11, Thursday. One more non-dancing role for an actress who can play the piano. Those interested can attend auditions or call Ken Winston on 5385075 or Glenn, producer, Tel. 5730641.



John Wayne stars in tonight's feature film, The Conqueror, at 10.30 pm, KTV 2.

PHARMACIES

- Kuwait: Al Jalma Pharmacy, Faisal Al Salem St., Al Munassar Pharmacy, Ahmed Al Jaber St., Hawalli and Nagra: Al Firdous Pharmacy, Beirut St., Sabwija and Rasmithiya: Al Quds Pharmacy, Abdul Karim Maz'at Bldg., Amman St., Falsheed and Almasri: Al Khaleef Pharmacy, Mujamma St., F'heel, New Khaitan: Al Tassam Pharmacy, New Khaitan, Jaha: Al Zahra Pharmacy, New Market.
- FRIDAY: Kuwait: Al Madinah Pharmacy, Abdullah Al Mubarak St., Al Hafez Pharmacy, Souk Wajid, Salah Al Din St., Hawalli and Nagra: Al Nasser Pharmacy, Tunis St., Sabwija and Rasmithiya: Al Rashid Pharmacy, Amman St., Falsheed and Almasri: Al Inaan Pharmacy, Makkah St., F'heel, Khaitan: Khaitan Pharmacy, Ibrahim Bin Adham St., Jaha: Al Khafid Pharmacy, Opp. Cooperative Society.

CINEMA TODAY

- Al Sabwija: The Living Daylights, Starring: Timothy Dalton
- Drive-In: Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic), Starring: Adel Imam, Ather Al Hakim
- Al Firdous: Umar Dakshin (Hindi), Starring: Jackie Shroff, Madhuri, Rajnikant
- Falsheed Open-Air: Hukmat (Hindi)
- Al Falsheed: Phool Seja (Bengali)
- Al Jaha: Rousti Haratna (Arabic)
- Granada: Superman vs. Amazon
- Sabwija: January Oru Orma (Malayalam)
- Al Andalus: Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic), Starring: Adel Imam, Ather Al Hakim
- Al Hama: Out of Bounds, Starring: Anthony Michael Hall, Jenny Wright
- Al Jedd: Man Beti (Hindi), Starring: Meenakshi Seshadri, Sharadha Tagore
- Almasri Drive-In: Al Chahriya Al Ashtiqah (Arabic)
- FRIDAY: Al Falsheed: From Kahabi (Bengali)
- Al Jaha: Alligator
- Granada: Anjuman (Hindi)
- Sabwija: Rage of Honour
- Al Jedd: Begama (Hindi)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 5.15 am
- Zuhr 12.02
- Asr 3.07 pm
- Maghrib 5.26
- Isha 6.47
- FRIDAY: Fajr 5.14 am
- Friday Prayer 12.02
- Asr 3.06 pm
- Maghrib 5.30
- Isha 6.39

Jackie Shroff stars in Umar Dakshin, now showing at Al Firdous.

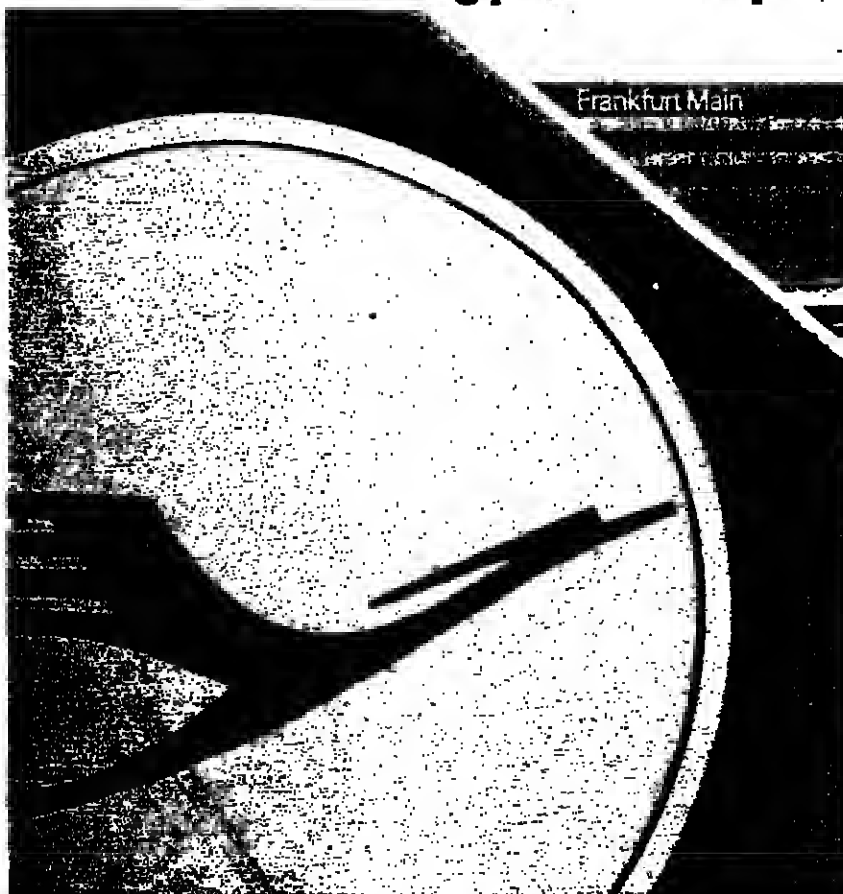
Seminar on management

A THREE-DAY course — models of management — was recently held at the Holiday Inn Hotel. It was attended by representatives from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman and United Arab Emirates. Lectures on management techniques were given by Amine Moukarrzel, general manager of Holiday Inn, Abu Dhabi; and Hani Kafafi, general manager of the hotel in Salalah. The seminars was organised in keeping with the hotel chain's policy to improve management and provide better service.



Participants at the seminar

Frankfurt Airport; the travellers' meeting point in Europe.



At Lufthansa we pride ourselves on more than just excellent service, modern aircraft and punctual arrivals. Frankfurt Airport offers you superb shopping and transit facilities all with that same reliability and efficiency we are famous for. Once you have flown to or through Frankfurt Airport you will know why there can be no other choice.

Lufthansa
German Airlines

For further information and reservations contact your travel agent or Lufthansa Kuwait, Al Mishan Building, Al Sour Street, P.O. Box 21291, Gate 13073 Kuwait, Tel. 2422423

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

HISTORY is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind — Edward Gibbon, English historian (1737-1794).

OPINION

A meeting of true leaders

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Morocco on Tuesday, ending his international tour. The things published about his tour are only a fraction of what he really accomplished.

The Egyptian President has an excellent international reputation, which US President Reagan acknowledged while receiving Mubarak. Reagan said Egypt and the US are capable of achieving peace in the Middle East.

This assessment is correct because Egypt is honest to its international commitments through its political leadership, which has resisted and overcome all regional obstacles aimed at embarrassing the Egyptian political leadership before the world.

Mubarak's tour ended in Morocco, the country of the Arab wise man, King Hassan II. It ended with a meeting between the political wisdom represented by King Hassan and the man of the Middle East, President Hosni Mubarak.

His tour came at a time when the credibility of his words to the West and the US had been proven. He had said that Israel committed a mistake if it believed that the new generation of Palestinians had forgotten their country and were satisfied to live beneath tents, unsuitable even for animals.

Israel was mistaken, and that which they had been warned of, happened. It had been stressed many times that the Middle East would not relax until the Palestinian issue was settled. Undoubtedly, the Egyptian President carried with him many of these ideas to the West, some of which they might have been unaware of, assuming the Palestinian issue was not of much concern to them.

The meeting today between the Arab wise man King Hassan and President Hosni Mubarak is a meeting of balanced attitudes in Arab politics — attitudes which the West and the rest of the world give substantial credibility.

Undoubtedly a meeting at this level, with the influence these two leaders have in international circles, will add weight to the "Stones Revolution" in the occupied territories until Israel finally realises its arrogance and accepts its limitations.

The Egyptian President has succeeded in bringing Arabs back to Egypt, and his trip has come at a time when he has Arab confidence, especially in that part of the world where people live under true and reasonable leaders, rather than Arab leaders who talk of imaginary issues.

The Morocco meeting is a meeting of true leaders with national motives. It is a sophisticated, intellectual meeting, where emotions play no part and toying with peoples' emotions is unheard of.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Turkey warming up to Greece

By Stephen Weeks

DAVOS, Switzerland, (Reuters) — Greece and Turkey usually speak more of war than peace, but the uneasy Nationalities have launched an unexpected and ambitious initiative aimed at closer ties and amicable settlement of several bitter disputes.

The initiative could herald a major thaw in relations between the feuding neighbours.

But officials on both sides cautioned that many pitfalls lie ahead which could wreck the fragile peace process.

Nonetheless, the bold plan is stamped with the personal authority of Prime Ministers Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey, who hammered out the plan during two days of talks in this Swiss Alpine resort.

Ozal hailed the developments as a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations. Papandreu was more cautious, saying: "The course now is clearly one of peace", but adding only time could prove the worth of the latest moves.

Measures

What they agreed was to reject the military confrontations which have marked past relations and to pledge themselves to finding peaceful solutions to outstanding disputes.

A two-page communiqué, itself unexpected when the informal talks began on Saturday, was filled with such phrases as "frank and open" discussions and a need for "time, goodwill and hard work".

It laid out concrete measures intended to avert the tub thumping over the Aegean which has brought them close to war and established ways to bring the two sides together at a variety of levels.

The steps, although minor, went far beyond what many thought the two sides would agree at this stage.

Papandreu and Ozal decided to hold a summit once a year — starting this year — to set up a telephone crisis "hot-line", to

promote commercial ties and to form an ambassadorial-rank committee to study areas of dispute.

Within hours of the communiqué, it was announced that another new joint committee to promote trade, tourism and commercial ventures would meet in Athens in April.

The Ozal told reporters he would launch the planned summit by travelling to the Greek capital and his aides suggested the trip could be as soon as this spring.

The speed with which the initiative developed appeared aimed at disarming many critics at home by handing them a fait accompli.

Such criticism could well focus on the decision by the prime ministers to delay discussion of the major disputes which deeply divide these traditional rivals and have pushed them to the brink of war on several occasions in recent years.

Such issues include the Turkish military occupation of the northern sector of the island of Cyprus, mineral and territorial rights in the Aegean Sea, treatment of minority Greek and Turkish populations and Turkey's quest for membership of the European Economic Community (EEC).

The dispute over the Aegean remains the single most difficult issue and one which nearly brought war in 1976 and March 1987.

Athens controls most of the 2,500 islands in the Aegean and says each has its own continental shelf. Turkey contends that many of the Greek islands near its coastline belong to its continental shelf.

The dispute has thwarted full oil exploration in much of the Aegean.

For Ozal, the Davos initiative fits in well with his long-standing efforts to show his nation of some 50 million people is well-fitted to join the 12-nation EEC.

Turkey returned to civilian rule in 1983 although the martial law imposed in 1978 was lifted only in 1984.

Welcome move

SIR: This refers to a news item "Manila imposes ban on maids" (AT Jan 22).

I welcome the ban imposed by the government of Philippines. Most people in the Middle East and the West assume that Filipinos are "good only for being housemaids." The belief has crystallised over the years because Filipinos willingly accept this job with dignity, despite their academic achievements or their social standing back home. Being a maid is a prestigious job as they serve human beings. But people always have the wrong concept.

At present, maids are facing maltreatment and their employers do not pay their salaries regularly. Also the salaries do not compensate the efforts and hardships they endure.

In my experience, previously employers were affluent and knew how to treat maids. Nowadays, maids work for all sorts of people. Therefore, the poor maids endure the consequences and if they can no longer put up with the inhumane treatment, they abandon. This is a dangerous way of life.

The poor maids at times live from day to day. Without a permanent income they run from one place to another. Sometimes they don't even have a permanent place to sleep. All this is due to the unscrupulous recruiting agents, whose only aim is acquiring wealth. Many maids sell or mortgage their property in the hope of a better future and take up such jobs.

The concern of the Philippine government and the proposed recommendations by the embassies are indeed commendable. Publicity alone will not help if agencies in Manila coordinate with local agents and tamper travel documents.

Adelaina A. Sauza, Safat.

Air India is vigilant

SIR: This refers to Kumar Raja's letter "Corrupt practice," published in this column on Jan 28. We would like to thank Kumar Raja for the concern shown by him regarding the alleged corrupt practices at the airport and resultant losses to Air India.

We would also like to clarify that check-in of passengers and

their baggage for Air India flights is done by the staff of AI's handling agents, Kuwait Airways. We maintain strict vigilance at the counters against any corrupt practice.

We are at a loss to understand Raja's statement about brokers collecting money from passengers at about 9 pm on Jan 3, 1988. Actually on that day, baggage check-in was over by 8.15 pm, passengers completed their immigration formalities by 8.30 pm and the AI flight left at 8.50 pm.

Obviously Kumar Raja seems to have gathered some detailed information about what transpired at the airport on Jan 5. We request him to contact us for further discussion of the matter.

G. Tharakan, Customer Relations Manager, Air India, Kuwait.

Reduce price of newspaper

SIR: This refers to a letter (AT, Jan 21) about the increase in the price of English newspapers. At the end of 1987, one of the English language dailies tried to justify the increase. I don't think it is right, because it is the duty of

any news service to give the best possible coverage around the world.

English newspapers are generally bought by foreigners. It seems it is the policy of newspapers, and other agencies, to put the maximum pressure on foreigners earning a living in the host country. This is truly unfair.

We buy English newspapers because of poor international news coverage on KTV2, which caters only to the Arab cause. KTV2 does not care about the important developments that take place in other parts of the world.

I request the management of both newspapers to bring down the cost to the previous 100 fils per copy.

R. R. Purohit, Fahaeel.

Unworthy of publication

SIR: I wish to comment on "Toilet paper," datelined Dublin in your News in Brief column.

I am saddened that the Arab Times should regard it as a worthy world news item. I suspect that it is the product of the

English press, gutter or otherwise, who waste no opportunity to denigrate my country. I would like to inform you that Ireland was misgoverned by England. We have come a long way since gaining independence and have a great system of education. We are now in the middle of a very bad economic recession. We have not discovered oil.

Joan Dempsey, Fahaeel.

Our feelings

SIR: The feelings that we have for Keith are varied quite beyond belief. For there are those who hate his guts (The rest of us just think he's nuts). Yet there are times — this must be said — he hits the nail right on the head.

Has anyone heard "K.D.D."? Just recently on their T.V? So, though he gives expats a pain, Could Britain's loss be Kuwait's gain?

Alysa, (Name and address supplied)



Irregular

SIR: The KPTC buses do not stick to scheduled timing. I think there is no time for arrival or departure, particularly for route Nos. 24 and 27. Often, we have to wait for hours for the bus to arrive. And then, two buses arrive simultaneously. I request KPTC management to look into the matter.

Mohammed Y. Nugra.

ALL letters to the Editor must contain the writer's name and address. Publication is at the discretion of the Editor and letters are subject to the editing process for space or other reasons.

New Delhi building up a blue water fleet

India trying to assert itself in Indian Ocean

By Brahma Chellaney

NEW DELHI: India has launched a massive naval buildup aimed at making it the dominant power in the region between the Arabian Gulf and Indonesia, according to military analysts and diplomats here.

Newly armed with a Soviet-made, nuclear-powered submarine, the Navy is being geared to play an assertive role in the Indian Ocean, Bay of Bengal, and Arabian Sea, these experts say.

After years of neglect, policymakers have given the Navy a large slice of the \$10 billion military budget for the current fiscal year.

"With a large coastline, India is concerned over naval threats, particularly from China, which has the world's third-largest, though obsolescent, Navy," says R. R. Subramanian, a senior analyst at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, a government think tank.

The possibility of the Chinese Navy linking up with Pakistan in a war must be weighing heavily in the mind of our policymakers.

Indian officials have also been concerned that the Pakistani naval fleet holds more sophisticated ships and weapons than

their own Navy.

Adm. S. N. Kohli, a former Navy chief, says a "buildup is essential," because policymakers now realise that the major threats to Indian security have always emanated from the sea.

"History reveals that invaders who came by sea, including the British, became our rulers. Sea power would hold the key to the outcome of a future conflict," Admiral Kohli said in an interview.

According to Adm. Jayant G. Nadkarni, the new Navy chief, the Indian strategy is "not only to ensure that the sea areas of importance to us are controlled by us, but to deny them to our adversary. For this the primary weapon would be submarines."

The Navy's acquisition of a Soviet-made nuclear-powered submarine last month has made India only the sixth country to possess such a submarine.

The Navy's multibillion-dollar modernisation plan has included the purchase of two West German Class 209 submarines, two Soviet-made Kilo-class submarines, and new Soviet Kashin 2 destroyers.

The old British Leanders are being replaced by modern 5,000-ton, Indian-built frigates.

A new 704-acre submarine dockyard has been built with Soviet assistance at Vishakhapatnam, headquarters of the Indian submarine force. Two additional Class 209 submarines, with wire-guided torpedoes, are being built at Bombay in collaboration with West Germany's Howaldtswerke.

India's expenditures on defence reached 25 per cent of the government's budget in fiscal 1987-88, as compared with 17.8 per cent in 1982-83.

T. T. Poulse, a professor of disarmament studies at New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru University, contends that the naval buildup is part of a more aggressive foreign policy aimed at reinforcing India's role as the main regional power. The role involves thwarting attempts by big powers to gain a foothold in the region, Professor Poulse says.

"India's military intervention in the Sri Lankan ethnic conflict, which reflects this strategy, was partly promoted by fears of a communist becoming a 'US naval base,'" Poulse said in an interview.

Indian defence experts and Western diplomats say the acquisition of a nuclear-propelled submarine marks a

"significant jump" in India's military capabilities. India can now counter the kind of threat it faced in the 1971 war with Pakistan, when the US Navy sent its Seventh Fleet to the Bay of Bengal, according to these experts and diplomats.

It is widely believed here that the ship is the first of at least two nuclear-powered SSN fleet submarines India is to get from the Soviet Union.

The only government comment so far has been that the Navy has received one submarine "on lease for training purposes."

A Western diplomatic source says the deal involved the transfer of reconditioned old-model submarines phased out from the Soviet fleet.

Training "Each sub should be worth \$150 to \$400 million," according to the diplomat, a nuclear policy specialist.

But a second Western diplomatic source says the new "off-shore" crew members trained by the Soviets shows that the submarine is of the Alfa or Victor I class powered by two pressurised-water or liquid metal-cooled reactors. Either type can stay underwater for three months, but the Alfa is

regarded as a superior attack submarine with a deep-diving manoeuvrability.

Although the submarine has no atomic arms on board, the crew would have to be trained on how to operate the submarine reactors and handle its highly radioactive wastes.

India, which demonstrated its atomic-weapons capability in 1974 by exploding a plutonium device, is now trying to develop a nuclear-propulsion system for indigenous submarines, according to officials.

Poulse says the project "raises the long-term possibility of India developing a submarine-launched ballistic missile capability."

But the buildup has also exposed weaknesses in India's naval defence. The foremost is the failure to plug the tactical missile threat from Pakistan. The Indians are still shopping for an effective counter-system to Pakistan's US-supplied, submarine-launched Harpoon missile.

India is also in danger of "losing the place of all eggs in one basket."

Despite setbacks in recent years to diversify arms purchases, the Indian military remains dependent on Moscow for sophisticated weapon sys-

tems and spare parts. Soviet influence is the strongest in the Indian Navy. This is reflected in the predominance of Soviet-made ships in the Indian fleet. They include the new Yevgenya minisweepers, Nanuchka 2-class corvettes, Foxtrok submarines, and Polnocny-class landing ships.

There is concern that the SSN lease would not only give the Soviets the right of periodic submarine inspection, but also provide them a means of increasing their leverage over the Indian Navy.

India has a large arms industry, manufacturing fighter-jets, tanks, and frigates. In recent years, however, it has spent billions of dollars importing weapons systems.

India's newly emerging status as the largest arms importer in Asia has raised an important question: Can India become a regional superpower without producing most weapons indigenously?

"Self-reliance means weapons you produce on your own, the more secure you feel," the admiral adds. "But no Navy, including the United States Navy, is absolutely self-reliant."

The Christian Science Monitor.

Business good for Kabul moneychangers

By Hugh Pain

KABUL, (Reuters) — Saroop Singh sits behind his rickety desk, a blue turban on his head, a wolfish smile on his face. Before him lie his piles of banknotes, red 100 Afghanis, green 50s, purple 20s.

"Business is good," he says with satisfaction. "It has grown since the revolution. The war has not affected us, except that business is much more."

A head appears through the door, glances at the foreigners and mutters in Pashtu: "Twelve Indian!"

"Thirteen," says Saroop. The man nods and disappears. Saroop Singh has just bought 12,000 Indian rupees (\$920) for 13 Afghanis apiece. He would sell them back to you for 13.5 Afghanis. His profit margin is less than four per cent, but he is a happy man.

History Centuries ago, long before foreign-exchange dealing was a worldwide business, the money changers of Kabul were already here.

At the crossroads of the overland trade routes between East and West, Kabul was ideally placed for what is now called arbitrage, and it still is.

"A businessman wants to trade in Afghanistan, he needs Afghanis. The banks give 55 Afghanis for a dollar and then charge commission," says Saroop. "We give 200 Afghanis, no commission. So he comes to us."

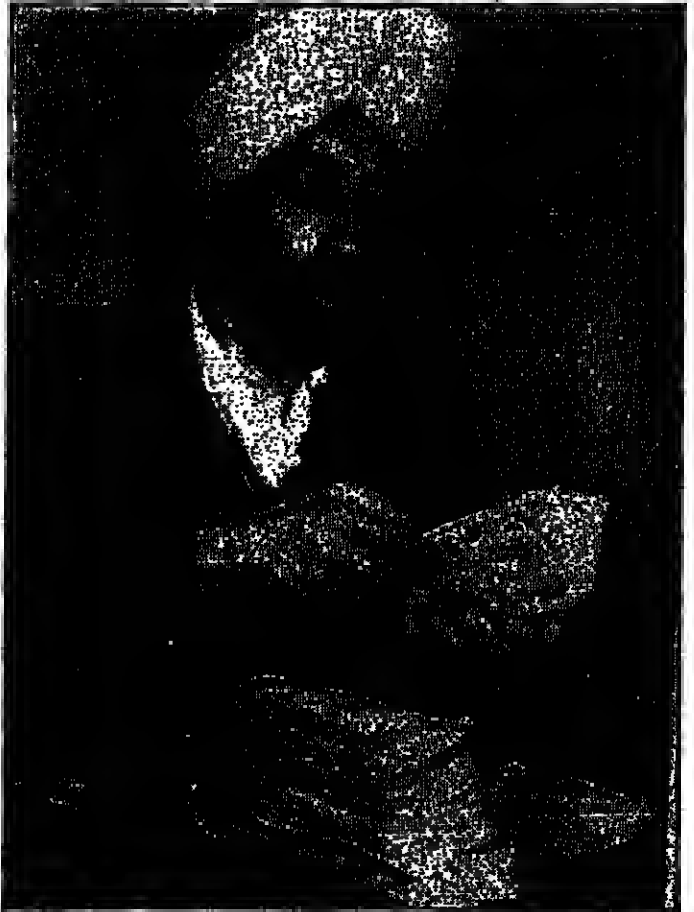
"An importer wants to pay for cloth or tyres or Japanese televisions, he needs dollars. The bank's got no dollars. So he comes to us."

In Shahzada Market there is none of the furtive whispering of moneychangers elsewhere.

Open The trade is not technically legal, but Afghanistan's war-battered economy cannot run without it and the government has no present intention of moving against it. The changers operate openly and on strict business terms.

In a land where more than 90 per cent of the people are Muslims, nearly all of Kabul's money changers are by tradition Hindus or Sikhs.

"We have always been here —



A moneychanger in Kabul.

my family has been in this business for generations," says Saroop.

He and the 200 other traders in the market have few overhead costs: a desk, a bench for the clients, a filing cabinet for the wads of money.

But their tiny stores, crowded together in a huddle of three-storey arched tenements, trade like seats on the New York Stock Exchange. The key to one might cost a newcomer nine million Afghanis (\$40,000 at the unofficial rate).

Fixed

Each morning the changers listen to the money reports on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), make their calculations and agree their fixed rates for the day. There is no bargaining. It is no use shopping around.

Each day some half a million dollars changes hands here. Most

of the business is in dollars, then Indian rupees. German marks, British sterling, and Pakistani rupees trade in lesser amounts, but Saroop and his colleagues in this ancient cartel will give you a price for anything. Terms strictly cash. Take it or leave it.

The piles of notes in front of

head when he was on the way to a shop. He needed hospital treatment.

The Palestinian women and children were speaking today at a news conference organised by two organisations — the committee of the victims' families, and the Palestinian women in the occupied territories.

As they told stories of beatings by soldiers they repeatedly condemned Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Brutality of Israeli troops

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Feb 3, (Reuters) — A young Palestinian mother of two told how Israeli troops fired a tear gas canister at her, knocking her unconscious and leading to the surgical removal of a kidney and part of her liver.

An elderly grandmother said she saw soldiers beating a young man with clubs near her home in the Am'ari refugee camp. When she tried to intervene they hit her.

A nine-year-old boy said soldiers hit him in the eye and on the

Modernise monarchy

LONDON, (AP) — Sexist and outdated laws governing who can sit on the British throne should be thrown into the "historical scrapheap," the Sunday Times said in an editorial entitled "Modernise the monarchy."

It called for changes to laws that gave a British monarch's son precedence over daughters in succeeding to the throne, and prohibit Roman Catholics from becoming king or queen.

"The strength of the monarchy has been its ability to move gracefully but shrewdly with the times," the conservative newspaper said.

"Where the oddities of monarchy offend the susceptibilities of an increasing number of people — as the restrictions based on gender and religion surely will — then it is in the interests of the monarchy itself to move to reflect contemporary mores."

Outdated The editorial said the "outdated notion" that princes have precedence over princesses in succeeding to the throne dates from "misty times when the ownership of land was tied to the

power to bear arms."

"The principle is offensive in 1988, 13 years after the Sex Discrimination Act came into force and with a female monarch and a female prime minister," it said.

Queen Elizabeth II succeeded her father because she had no brothers, only a younger sister. Her heir is her eldest son, Prince Charles, followed by his two sons. The Queen's younger sons, Prince Charles, followed by his two sons, The Queen's younger sons, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, are fourth and fifth in line to the throne, ahead of their older sister, Princess Anne.

Edward and Anne will both be bumped down one spot following the birth of Andrew's first child in August.

"Why should the new baby, its father and its uncle Edward take precedence over the Princess Royal (Anne), whose impressive abilities and dedication to public service are what matters, not her sex?" asked the newspaper.

However, any change to succession laws would require approval of the British Parliament.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1536 — France's King Francis I conquers Savoy and occupies Turin, also signs French alliance with Turkey's Sultan Suleiman I.

1585 — France's King Henry III refuses sovereignty of the Netherlands.

1783 — Hostilities end between United States and England.

1874 — British forces under Garnet Wolseley burn Kumasi, Ghana, ending Ashanti war.

1899 — Filipinos stage revolt against United States because independence is not granted.

1922 — Japan agrees to restore Shantung to China.

1938 — Germany's Adolf Hitler assumes office of war minister and names Joachim von Ribbentrop as foreign minister.

1948 — Ceylon becomes self-governing dominion in British Commonwealth.

1961 — Terrorist attacks break out in Portuguese African territory of Angola.

1969 — China's Charge d'Affaires in Netherlands, Liao Ho-Shu, arrives in United States and requests political asylum.

1972 — Britain and nine other nations recognise Bangladesh as an independent nation.

1973 — Jordan's King Hussein rules out hostilities with Israel and says he will seek US President Richard Nixon's help in easing crisis in Middle East.

1986 — Group of hard-line Arab leaders, meeting in Libya, threaten anti-American violence "within the United States and throughout the world."

1987 — India and Pakistan sign major agreement to reduce tension along their border.

Arabic calligraphy at the bottom of the page.

NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA

AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT

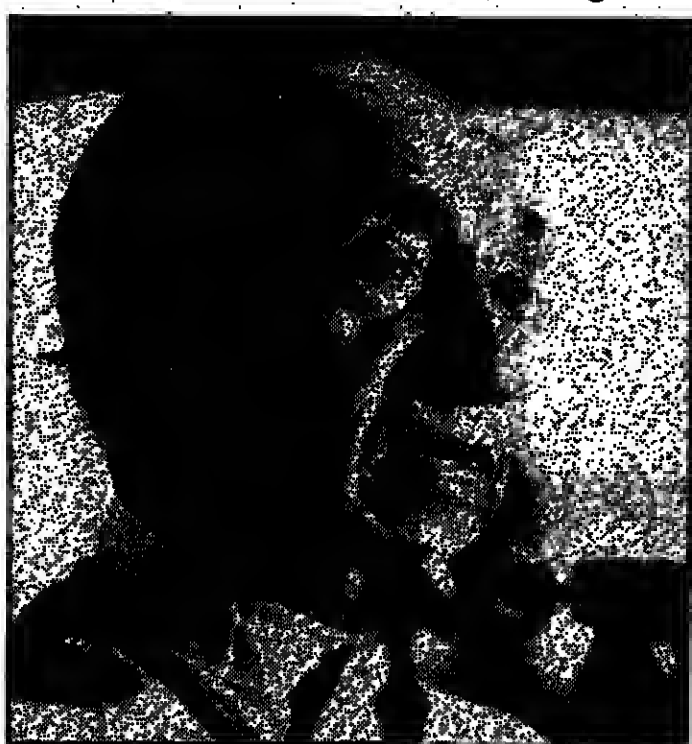
Struggles of the past years have not been in vain — Jayewardene

Independence day message of H.E. the President

FEBRUARY 4, 1988 marks the 40th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's National Independence. A decade hence we would have enjoyed a half century of free existence and been on the threshold of a new century. It is an occasion when we must both take stock and look forward.

At a time when our country is still recovering from an ethnic conflict that reached the proportions of a civil war, when residual terrorist challenge still stalk the land, it is understandable that our horizons tend to be dominated by the chasms that have opened in our minds, by the clash of arms, the loss of lives, the suffering, destruction and retarded development, that have been some of the consequences of the years this conflict has endured.

But, we shall be very short in vision and perception, in awareness of the history of our nation and faith in its future, if we do not see, amidst the debris of the conflict, what caused the conflict to the first instance. Among them, on the one hand, is a national consciousness that failed to transcend ethnic, sectarian and regional limits and, on the other, a chauvinism and intolerance that refused to acknowledge the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-linguistic character of our



His Excellency, President J.R. Jayewardene of Sri Lanka.

national society.

Understandable pre-occupation with the conflict and its effects should not also make us lose sight of what management of the conflict in these five years of unprecedented ethnic violence has achieved. Not only

has it prevented terror from becoming stabilised in our political system as a means of achieving political objectives, it has also thwarted extremism in objectives and denied obscurantist forces, ultimately Fascist in nature, the opportu-

ity of successfully proclaiming nationality principles based in race and ethnicity.

Our success cannot be measured, however, only by what we have succeeded in defeating or thwarting, because what has been achieved over these same years of conflict is positive and creative. On the one hand, we have established a constitutional setting for the future governance of this country in which our unitary system of government, our national unity and territorial integrity will be safeguarded by the full participation of the people of our nation in their plenitude. Our democratic system has also been fortified by participatory mechanisms. On the other hand, we have established the foundations in good neighbourhood relations of a security environment providing stable and reliable conditions for the flowering of our national independence and for the growth and prosperity of our nation.

These are no small achievements. As we look to the future in the year, decade, and century before us we can derive satisfaction from the fact that the struggle of the past years have not been in vain and that the sacrifices made by our people have laid indestructible foundations for the great future which is their right and destiny.

Pledge to banish social evils

Message from the honourable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, R. Premadasa, on the occasion of the National Day.

ON this day, 40 years ago, modern Sri Lanka was born into nationhood. At that time, we made a National Commitment. It was to preserve and enhance our freedom within the framework of democracy, social justice and human dignity for all our citizens.

Today, we enter the 5th decade of our Independence. This is the right moment to renew and reaffirm our dedication to these noble objectives.

As we look to another year of Nationhood, we must not forget the great patriots and defenders of our heritage. Their sacrifices gave us Independence. Those illustrious men and women came from all ethnic and religious communities. Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims, Burghers, Buddhists, Hindus, Christians and others united under one banner in the struggle for freedom and Independence. They proved that unity is strength and that great national purposes can be achieved when the big help the small. This is more so when mutual trust is engendered between the strong and the weak.

Our experiences should teach us that it is only through

understanding and integration and not through rejection and alienation that any majority can enhance its strength. Similarly, it is only through cooperation and participation and not through aggression and separation that the rest can ensure their security. This is a truth and a reality in all fields of human and social progress.

Let this National Day also be an opportunity for all of us to enrich our National Independence by pledging to banish those social evils which continue to oppress our lives. Let the bounty of the Noble Triple Gem be with our Motherland and all Sri Lankans near and



The Honourable R. Premadasa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. far, as we commemorate our 40th National Day today.

Non-alignment cornerstone of foreign policy

Message from the honourable A.C. Shamsi Hameed, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the occasion of Independence Day — 1988.

TODAY we celebrate the 40th year of the regaining of our independence after centuries of colonial domination. Anniversaries are a time for reflection both of our past achievements and our future aspirations.

Since independence, our efforts have focussed on nation building and to translate the independence to a meaningful tomorrow. We are proud of the



The Honourable A.C. Shamsi Hameed, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

fact that our freedom was obtained through peaceful means and without any recourse towards our former colonial masters or to anybody else.

In our relations with the international community the guiding principle has been Non-Alignment which is the cornerstone of our foreign policy. We have earnestly endeavoured to promote international understanding and cooperation and taken many initiatives to this end. In recent years, we are happy that our efforts at promoting regional cooperation have seen fruition in the establishment of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

In reviewing the past, we cannot help but note the tremendous strides made over the last decade by the government of His Excellency President J.R. Jayewardene. In spite of a hostile international economic

climate, Sri Lanka has made headway in economic and social development through liberalisation and revitalisation of its economy. Major development projects and welfare schemes which have been undertaken have proved to be of immense benefit and value to our people. It is also a matter of pride that all these achievements have been possible through the democratic process to which the people of Sri Lanka and the government are firmly dedicated.

It is sad that the ugly spectre of terrorism has stalked our land for the past few years, resulting in death and destruction and untold misery to innocent people of all communities.

(Continued on Page 11)

Kuwait-Sri Lanka relations forge ahead

FORTY years have passed since the day we regained our Independence and 40th of February 1988 marks yet another milestone in the annals of our History.

Many are the challenges we faced during the past four decades since Independence and many are our achievements. We, the children of Mother-Lanka stood steadfastly with courage and fortitude in the midst of crisis and conflicts and are determined to face the future with the same confidence and determination to uphold Unity, Integrity and Independence of our land. Adversities do not mar our forward march, but, give further strength and unity of purpose for achievements of our goals.

We have come a long way since Independence in all spheres of development and "people" have become the centrifugal force of all these development efforts. The sovereignty of the people is enshrined in the Constitution and it has been a formidable task for the Government to keep pace with the people who possess vigour and vitality, advanced education and high literacy.

Thus, people's participation in all development projects has been a key factor in our success story. Harnessing of mighty rivers for multi-purpose development of the land, developing industry under the free trade zones projects, and Foreign Investment, while absorbing high technology, becoming self-sufficient in food through agriculture and Million Houses Programme speak for the high enthusiasm of people devoted to a cause, nurtured through a high standard of education. The people have now ventured out of Sri Lanka in pursuit of higher attainments in professions, thus making Sri Lanka a major man-power exporting land. Being a country possessing one of the highest literacy rates in Asia, our people have contributed tremendously to Mother-Lanka through expatriate — employment, abroad.

This has become possible through four decades of consistent welfare policies of governance. People have enjoyed free education, free health services, free entrepreneurship and participatory democracy. Linked



A.Q.H. Mohammed, Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Kuwait

with a will to attain highest standards of living through welfareism brought the quality of life of the nation, to one of the highest in Asia.

While being proud of our achievements, we also should not lose sight of the challenge of terrorism that the land is faced with. H.E. J. R. Jayewardene, the President of Sri Lanka, the Government and the people are making all endeavours to meet this formidable problem and we are confident that 1988 will bring an end to this phenomenon.

To my compatriots living abroad I wish to say "you have a lot to contribute towards many challenges the nation is facing today and I am confident that by experience you have shown that you are the true children of Mother-Lanka."

I am personally proud to have been the Ambassador of a country where the expatriate Sri Lankans have contributed tremendously to the cause of Sri Lanka and my best wishes for a bright future is always with you.

I am further proud to think that during the past few years the Kuwait-Sri Lanka relations have forged ahead based on mutual understanding and commitment to peace and stability. It was indeed easy to adapt to an environment like in Kuwait where the people are friendly and warm hearted. The Government of Kuwait, Officials of Departments, the business communities and the people have always shown an accommodative attitude towards enhancing relations between the two countries.

I convey my warmest greetings from the friendly people of Sri Lanka and the Government of Sri Lanka to the Government and the warm hearted People of the State of Kuwait.

I also take this opportunity to greet my countrymen on this most happy occasion. Thank you.



Various museums and collectors are in possession of Sri Lanka's gemstones of extraordinary size and beauty.

Gems of quality

THE PRESENCE of gemstones in many parts of Sri Lanka is due to the existence of Precambrian Metamorphic Rocks except for a few scattered occurrences of limestone in the North and North Western Coastal region. Geologists are of the view that about nine tenths of Sri Lanka is covered with Precambrian Rocks.

A wide variety of gems are found in Sri Lanka. It is also a unique phenomenon that practically all these varieties could be found in the same gem deposit. There are however, certain areas which are well known for specific different varieties. While in the Ratnapura District all varieties of gems are found, Alexandrites and Cat's eyes are mostly

mined in Deniyaya and Morawaka. Elchera is well known for Blue Sapphires and Garnets.

The varieties of gems found in Sri Lanka include Blue Sapphire, Ruby, Yellow Sapphire, Star Sapphire, Star Ruby, Cat's eye, Alexandrite, Spinel, Topaz, Garnet, Tourmaline, Zircon, Moonstone and Quartz. Some of the rarest stones found are Sinhalite, Khornerupine, Fibrolite, Andalusite, Apatite, Diopside, Ekanite, Taaffeite and Sphene.

Various museums and collectors are in possession of Sri Lanka gemstones of extraordinary size and beauty. Sri Lanka has produced stones of quality and size which have attracted buyers and connoisseurs of all over the world.

The State Gem Corporation has in its collection a Blue Star Sapphire of 392 cts. It has got fine blue colour and is considered to be the largest Blue Star Sapphire of this colour when compared with the Star of India. A honey brown coloured Chrysoberyl Cat's eye with a silvery line is another unique specimen in the collection of State Gem Corporation. This gem weighs 102 cts. and is called "Rayerene".

Apart from these, good quality Sri Lanka gemstones are also available in the collection of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles, The Smithsonian Institute in Washington and in the British Museum of Natural History in London.



Stones are fashioned into stylish jewellery

Our heartiest greetings to the Government and the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the National Day.

A really-trusted name for the last 9 years for all sorts of exchange transactions, all over the world.

We have computerised all our branches to save the precious time of our valued clients.

Now no more waiting for draft pay and pick up your computerised draft in no time from our counters.

Exclusive arrangements in Sri Lanka for your remittance by telex transfer, demand drafts through our following leading correspondent:

1- Bank of Ceylon Branches
 Anuradhapura, Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Avissawella, Ambalangoda, Bambalapitiya, Battaramulla, Badulla, Batticaloa, Beruwela, Chilaw, Gas Works Street, Pettah Colpetty, Colombo, Dematagoda, Deltawela, Dankotuwa, Dharga Town, Galle, Gampala, Hingurakgoda, Homagama, Hambantota, Jaffna, Jaela, Kiribathgoda, Katana, Kalutara, Kallanawa, Kurunegala, Katugastota, Kandy, Kalmunai, Kadawata, Kekirawa, Kattankudy, Mannar, Matara, Moratuwa, Moradana, Matale, Moneragala, Minuwangoda, Mawanella, Manipay, Nugegoda, Negomba, Nuwara Eliya, Nittambuwa, Panadura, Puttalam, Peliyagoda, Pottuvil, Ratnapura, Tissamaharama, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Valaichenai, Wattala, Warakapola, Wellawatte.

2- Bank of Oman Limited, Colombo

We also sell US Dollars and Sterling Pounds Travellers Cheques payable at Colombo airport and all parts of Sri Lanka.

Oman Exchange Co Limited
 P.O. Box 26057 Safat
 13121 Safat Kuwait
 Telex 44344-44646 OMEXCO

HEAD OFFICE AND MURGHAB BRANCH
 Hilali Street,
 Opposite Safat Post Office
 Near Murghab Bus Stand
 Phone: 2425650-2425651
 2434490-2426703

ABBASIYA JALEEB SHUWAIKH BRANCH
 Badar Hamud Al-Rowdan Complex,
 Ground Floor Shop
 No. 19 & 20
 Phone: 4310538

FAHAHEEL BRANCH
 Makkah Street
 Fahaaheel
 Phone: 3920571-3920575

Heartiest Greetings and Best Wishes to
 His Excellency **J.R. Jayewardene**
 President of Sri Lanka

and the people of Sri Lanka on the
 occasion of the
NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA

Jamal Al-Ghanim Est.

P.O. Box 4196 Safat
 13042 Safat - Kuwait
 Telex: 30656 JAGEST KT.
 Cargo Dept: 2462026/7
 Supermarket: 24650505

Beautiful beaches, lush green vegetation, ancient monuments

Sri Lanka: land of a thousand delights

SRI LANKA is an island in the Indian Ocean located to the south of the Indian sub-continent. It lies between 5°55' and 9°50' north of the equator and between the eastern longitudes 79°49' and 81°52'. With a total land area of 65,610 sq km (25.3 thousand sq miles) our beautiful island is not a drop in the ocean.

The length of 445 km and breadth of 225.3 km encompasses beautiful beaches, lush green vegetation, ancient buildings and a thousand delights to please all tastes. The relief features of the island consist of a mountainous mass somewhat south of centre, with heights exceeding 2,500 metres, surrounded by broad plains. Lovely palm-fringed beaches surround the island and the sea temperature rarely falls below 27°C.

Climate and seasons

In the lowlands the climate is typically tropical with average temperature of 27°C in Colombo. At the higher elevations it can be quite cool with temperatures going down to 16°C in Nuwara Eliya, at an altitude of 1,890 metres. Sri Lanka receives rainfall from two monsoons and from convectional precipitations.

The south-west monsoon brings rain mainly from May to July to the western, southern



Lovely palm-fringed beaches surround the island and the sea temperature rarely falls below 27°C.

and central regions of the island, while the north-east monsoon rains occur in the northern and eastern regions in December and January. Although seasonal rains can be heavy, bright sunny, warm days are the rule and are common even during the height of

the monsoon—climatically Sri Lanka has no off-season.

History

The history of Sri Lanka goes back to pre-historic times. Recent excavations show that even during the Neolithic Age in Sri Lanka there were food-gathering and rice cultivators. Very little is known of this period and documented history began with the arrival of the Aryans from north India.

The Aryans introduced the use of iron and an advanced form of agriculture through a rudimentary system of irrigation. They also introduced the art of government. Of the Aryan settlements, Anuradhapura grew into a powerful kingdom under the rule of Pandukabhaya. According to traditional history he is accepted as the founder of Anuradhapura.

During the reign of King Devanampiya Tissa, a descendant of Pandukabhaya, Buddhism was introduced in 247 BC by Arahant Mahinda, the son of Emperor Asoka of India. This is the most important event in Sri Lankan history as it set the country on the road to cultural greatness. Consequently Sri Lanka waxed rich and prosperous.

In the mid 2nd century BC a large part of north Sri Lanka came under the rule of an invader from south India. From the beginning of the Christian era and up to the end of the 4th century AD, Sri Lanka was governed by an unbroken dynasty called Lambakarna, which paid great attention to the development of irrigation.

A great king of this dynasty was King Mahasen (3rd century AD) who started the construction of large 'tanks' (reservoirs) which in turn fed smaller reservoirs. Another great 'tank' builder was Dhatusena, who was put to death by his son Kasyapa, who made Sigiriya a royal city with his fortress capital on the summit of the rock.

As a result of invasions from south India the kingdom of Anuradhapura fell by the end of the 10th century AD. Vijayabahu I repulsed the invaders and established his capital at Polonnaruwa in the 11th century AD. Other great kings of Polonnaruwa were

Parakrama Bahu the Great and Nissanka Malla both of whom adorned the city with numerous buildings of architectural beauty.

Invasions continued intermittently and the capital was moved constantly until the Portuguese arrived in 1505, when the chief city was established at Kotte, in the western lowlands. The Portuguese came to trade in spices, but stayed to rule until 1658 in the coastal regions, as did the Dutch thereafter. Dutch rule lasted from 1658 to 1796 in which year they were displaced by the British. During this period the highland kingdom, with its capital in Kandy retained its independence despite repeated assaults by foreign powers who ruled the rest of the country. In 1815 the Kingdom of Kandy was ceded to the British and thus they established their rule over the whole island. Modern communications, Western medical services, education in English, as well as the plantation industry (first coffee, then tea, rubber and coconut) developed during British rule. By a process of peaceful, constitutional evolution, Sri Lanka won back her independence in 1948 and is now a sovereign republic, with membership in the Commonwealth of Nations and the United Nations Organisation.

Economy

Sri Lanka is mainly an agricultural country. The chief crop is rice in which the country is almost self-sufficient. Tea, rubber and coconut form the next important agricultural crops, with tea being the major foreign exchange earner. In addition, other crops of importance are cocoa and spices such as cinnamon, cardamom, nutmeg, pepper and cloves. Fruit

and vegetables, native to both tropical and temperate regions, grow well in Sri Lanka and today form a considerable proportion of our exports. Sri Lanka is also a major exporter of precious and semi-precious stones. Within the last few years remittances from Sri Lankans employed abroad have contributed a large share towards foreign exchange earnings.

The last decade has seen tourism emerge as an important foreign exchange earner. There has also been a rapid growth in manufacturing industries which offer a wide range of exportable goods such as petroleum products, leather goods, ready-made garments and electronic equipment.

Demography

Sri Lanka has a population of 15.4 million of whom the majority are Sinhalese (74 per cent). Other ethnic groups are made up of — Sri Lankan Tamils 12.6 per cent, Indian Tamils 5.5 per cent, Moors and Malays 7 per cent and Burghers (of Portuguese and Dutch descent) and others 0.9 per cent.

Although Sri Lanka is a multi-religious country, Buddhists constitute the majority with 69 per cent. Other religious groups are Hindus 15.4 per cent, Christians 7.4 per cent and Muslims 7 per cent. Sri Lanka can boast of a fairly youthful population with 46 per cent of the population being under 20 years of age.

Sri Lanka's literacy rate of 86.5 per cent is one of the highest in Asia.

Language

Sinhala, a language of Indo-Aryan origin, is used by the majority and is the official language of the country. The Dravidian tongue, Tamil, is used mainly in the northern and eastern regions. English is widely spoken and understood. Place names and sign-boards



Giant rock-carved 89 feet statue of Buddha at Anuradhapura.

on buses and trains are in the national languages and in English. Sri Lankans are kind and friendly towards visitors and will be glad to assist you.

Sri Lanka is a free, sovereign, independent and democratic, socialist republic and is known as the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The country is divided into 25 administrative districts. Sovereignty includes the powers of government, fundamental rights and the franchise. Legislative power is exer-

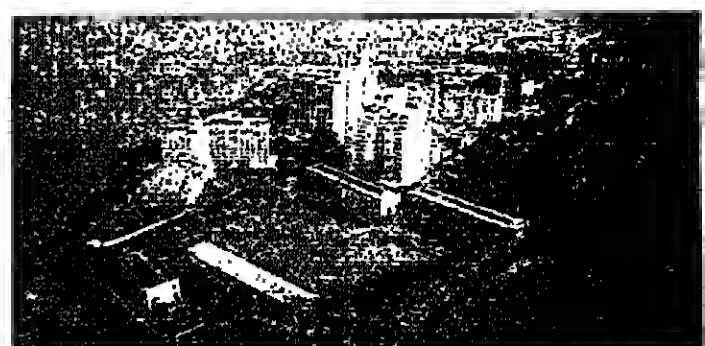
cised by the President who is also elected by the people. The minimum voting age is eighteen years.

Sri Lanka is a land of religious freedom and tolerance. Wherever you travel you will come across a Buddhist Temple or Dagaba, a Hindu Kovil, a Christian Church or a Mosque, each with its own distinctive architecture. When visiting holy places please conform to the requirements as regards dress in order not to show disrespect.



The Town Hall in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka offers incentives for private investors



An aerial view of Sri Lanka's capital city, Colombo.

the capital intensity and the level of technology of the project and the quantity of the output exported. Employment generation, scope of technology transfer and the export potential are the most important criteria used by the FIAC in considering investment project proposals for approval. The project approved by the FIAC enjoy many tax and other concessions.

Dynamism

The FIAC approved joint venture projects have been useful in the infusion of dynamism and efficiency to the Sri Lankan economy. They stimulated the demand for domestic resources resulting in a significant positive effect on the growth of domestic production.

These projects have created useful forward as well as backward linkage generating spin off effects on other sectors of the economy as well. These joint venture projects have also made significant contribution to boost economic dimensions such as income and employment generation, capital investment, export earnings, import substitution, technology transfer and the development of management and production skills. Between 1977 and the beginning of 1987 the FIAC has been singularly successful in approving a total of 487 projects. The total investment envisaged from these projects amounts to US\$ 722m with an employment potential of 46,000 persons. At the end of 1986, 307 projects had commenced operations. Of these 271 were in commercial production.

The contribution made by FIAC projects in regard to the country's export sector is very significant. There are more than 300 export oriented projects approved by the FIAC and 139 of these projects have exported goods and services to the value of \$ 109 m in 1986. These export projects include 98 manufacturing industries which account for \$102 m of the export proceeds. It is important to note that all these export oriented projects are not 100 per cent export projects. The

availability of domestic market enables most investors to achieve economies of scale in production and opening up opportunities to operate competitively in the international markets. Experience in domestic market has led producers to improve quality of products to international standards. The main characteristic of the projects operating in the export sector is the utilisation of indigenous raw materials including agro based products such as rubber, coir, tobacco, timber, fisheries and gems.

Another significant sector in the projects approved by FIAC is the activities of import substitution industries. Operations of these projects have been undertaken in production of sugar, milk products, spray dried coconut milk, cultivation of strawberries, manufacture of electric transformers, cookers, assembly of motor buses and coaches, railway coach body building, computer stationery, printing material, maggi boards, sulphuric acid and non-ferrous and alum and sodium thiosulphate and plastic items. In addition import substitution projects also provide certain specialised services such as air charter services, publishing of directories, advertising and public relations, technical studies institute, private hospital, merchant banking and business and financial services.

The inflow of private foreign investment for FIAC approved projects have been made from UK (71), Hong Kong (61), Singapore (61), W. Germany (60), USA (56), Japan (46), India (27), The Netherlands (25), Switzerland (20), Sweden (17), South Korea (15), Denmark (12), Taiwan (12), Thailand (10), Belgium (10), Canada (8), China (8), Australia (7) and others (63).

The FIAC is confident that the trend of increased flow of investment would continue in the year 1988. The International Economic Co-operation Division looks forward to assist any private foreign investor interested to invest in Sri Lanka.

Fast Remittance at Competitive Rates !



We at Commercial Bank offer fast remittances, at competitive rates in a range of currencies, to the following countries :

India Pakistan Philippines
Sri Lanka Bangladesh South Korea

All Commercial Bank branches are ready to provide you with convenient services and competitive rates for your remittances.

But this shouldn't come as a surprise.

Because at Commercial Bank, your convenience is our business.

Commercial Bank  **البنك التجاري**

Discover the difference

The following branches are open between 4 - 6 pm. Saturdays to Wednesdays :

• Abdulla Mubarak St. • Hawalli • Salmiya • Fahahcel • Jahra • Shuwaikh Vegetable Market • Farwaniya • Khaitan.

By Swarnameli
Seneviratne

A HAPPY blend of antiquity and richly textured artistic splendour cloaks the entire vicinity where the historic Dambulla Rock Temple also known as "Rangiri Dambulla Raja Maha Vihara" is situated at the centre of Sri Lanka. The Dambulla Viharaya which is the most celebrated and venerated Buddhist cave temple in the island is a unique art gallery of Buddhist iconography and paintings.

This ancient Rock Temple with a remote and complex past is of great historical and archaeological importance. It consists of five caves scattered in an area of around fifty acres. Rising up to a height of 500 feet above the surrounding plain, in magnitude this temple surpasses all the other cave temples in the country.

The temple Viharaya on the top of the monolithic stone mass can be approached by the path cut into the living rock of the hill itself at periodic intervals interspersed with stone staircases and level landings. The massive sprawling temple trees covered with araliya blossoms (Plumeria Acuminata) provide the shade to the visitors who flock to see the beautiful images and paintings which provide an abundance of valuable material for the study of the evolution of Sinhala Buddhist paintings and sculpture. For the convenience of many who have taken to modern transport a new road has been built almost up to the temple. But the devoted pilgrims go their hard way climbing the rock while the affluent and the tourist may reach half way up the rock by motor cars.

Tradition

According to folk tradition the Dambulla Rock Temple was originally built by King Vattagamini Abhaya (29 - 17 B.C.).

A 13th Sinhala literary work known as Pujavaliya states that King "Vattagamini Abhaya" (Valagamba) converted the caves at Dambulla into temples which gave him shelter and a hideout for 12 years — the period of Tamil invasion.

The Mahawansa the most ancient historical record of Sri Lanka describes the renovation activities of this temple carried out by Vijayabahu I (1055 - 1114 A.D.) and Kirti Sri Nissankamalla. It is interesting to note that the "Dambulla Vihara" Rock inscriptions of Nissankamalla states that he applied gold on 73 images found within the Rock Temple and named it "Swar-nagiriguba" (meaning "Gold Rock Caves"). Since then, the temple is known as "Rangiri" ("Rangiri" means Gold Rock) Dambulla Viharaya.

The five natural cave shrines of the Dambulla Temple which are a veritable treasure house of murals and statuary are named, Devaraja Viharaya, Maharaja Viharaya, Maha Alut

Sri Lanka is dotted with rocks jutting out from plains of the lands surrounding central hills which have become significant not only due to their natural beauty, but, also due to historical, cultural and religious significance. Sigiriya is synonymous with an ancient kingdom; Dambulla is famous for rock paintings of an ancient era twenty-one centuries old.

A unique art gallery of Buddhist paintings



Dambulla: this ancient rock temple with a remote and complex past is of great historical and archaeological importance.

Viharaya, Paschima Viharaya and Devani Alut Viharaya. The first, second and the fourth caves are said to be the work of King Valagamba. Maha Alut Viharaya was built by Kirti Sri Rajasinghe and Devani Alut Viharaya by Dullave Maha Adikaram, hence all these caves do not belong to the same period.

In the Devarajalena (or Viharaya) lies the much talked of painted stone image of a colossal Buddha in sleeping posture with his life long attendant and devout disciple Ven. Ananda at his feet. The cave

comprises six other statues of god Vishnu and the Buddha with beautiful paintings on the walls and ceiling.

The Maharaja Viharaya or the "Cave of the Great Kings" a name obviously given to the cave as it is full of images of Kings Valagamba and Kirti Sri Nissankamalla, is the most impressive of all. This cave has the largest number of sculptures (nearly 60 statues) both religious and secular. All around the cave walls and above on the ceiling are thousands of colourful paintings. As one enters the cave he

encounters a magnificent image of King Valagambahu (Vattagamini Abhaya) the founder of the Dambulla Rock Temple. Life-size sculptured in wood, and painted beautifully, the statue has a "Makuta" or a head-dress. The upper part of the body is bare.

It is interesting to note that the dress on this statue is unusually simple. The ears are long and drawn in the Malabar style. The body of a double headed snake serves as a necklace its ears as pendants. The cave also houses an impressive life size Buddha statue,

beautifully carved in standing position under a Makara Thorana (an archway depicting a dragon-like creature) which is believed to be one of those statues painted in gold by King Nissankamalla hundreds of years ago.

Maha Alut Viharaya meaning "The New Great Temple," so named because it was built recently by one of the last kings of the Kandyan Kingdom, Kirti Sri Rajasinghe, houses fifty seven images among which is a colossal reclining Buddha statue which is almost 30 feet long. A fine image of King Kirti

Sri Rajasinghe himself superbly sculptured his full beard and royal robes finely distinguishable, is another outstanding creation in this cave.

Images

Paschima Viharaya (meaning western cave) consisting of beautiful statues is of special significance as it is believed that the stupa built in the middle of this cave contained the jewellery of Somawathie the queen of King Valagamba. Hence its also called "Soma Cetiya."

Devani Alut Viharaya com-

paratively now contains beautiful images of the Buddha and gods Vishnu and Kataragama (Skande), as well as of a local god known as Devata Bandara, richly ornamented with crowns and jewellery. Whether the cavern in which these five houses of brilliant sculpture that attract thousands of visitors, has been formed naturally or artificially has not been yet determined.

Over 1,800 square metres of painted walls and ceilings constitute the interior of these giant caves. These paintings retouched, redrawn, repainted, for

the last time in the 18th C. are still as fresh and alive as they were 200 years ago. These 161 sculptured images and figures of the Buddha, Bodhisattva, gods and kings in the caves whose walls are also packed with beautiful murals are no doubt a rare find anywhere. The themes of the paintings include the Jataka Stories (stories pertaining to the earlier lives of the Buddha), and historically significant incidents like the arrival of Vijaya in Sri Lanka and the famous "Elara Dutugemunu War."

The paintings of the Dambulla Rock Temple which cover an area of roughly 20 thousand square feet, seem to aim at depicting the greatness of the Buddha, and the proud history of the island. An interesting factor is that paintings dealing with historical episodes are left uncaptioned, probably suggesting that the artists were of the impression that every Sinhala Buddhist would recognise such a picture as they saw it.

The painters of these extraordinary murals, belonged to a special generation of artists from the time of the Sinhala Kings. They were the Nilagama Painters and it is interesting to note that P.G. Jivan Naide 66 years old belonging to this generation is still making a living by painting murals.

According to popular belief King Valagambahu entrusted the work of sculpturing images and painting the walls of the Dambulla temple to oocmaster painter "Bodhinarayana Mulacharya" who received a village known as Nilagama from the King, for the services successfully completed. According to Jivan Naide, the origin of this generation was Bodhinarayana and he belonged to the group of eighteen craftsmen who arrived in Sri Lanka during the reign of King Devanampiyatissa.

The village of Nilagama is situated within the Dambulla electorate where Jivan Naide lives with his three sons, two of whom have forsaken the traditional profession and taken to farming, while the youngest, Jayasena paints murals along with his father.

Jivan Naide who is the lucky owner of some gifts offered by Sinhala Kings to his ancestors proudly presents the "Nilagama Tudapata" which contains the history of the murals painting and iconography of the Dambulla temple to interested visitors. Among his treasure are a golden plate, a golden pin used for the anointing ceremony during the time of Kings and even a golden head-dress which symbolised the title of his generation. Jivan Naide who is now associated with the conservation work at Dambulla Raja Maha Vihara under the Unesco-Sri Lanka Cultural Triangle programme, considers himself privileged to be involved in the restoration of the paintings which he sees as the living tradition of his generation.

On the occasion of the National Day of Sri Lanka

The Board of Directors and Staff of

AGAQ

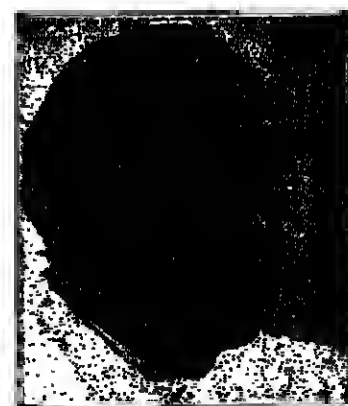
Group of Companies extend their greetings to President

Junius Richard Jayewardene

and the Government and people
of SRI LANKA on their National Day.

We wish the Republic of Sri Lanka all
prosperity and progress in the coming years.

Agents of Ceylon Shipping Company.
Al Ghanim & Al Qutub Shipping



The management and staff of

Run Monara Restaurant

extend their greetings

to His Excellency

J.R. Jayewardene

President of Sri Lanka

and the people of

Sri Lanka on the occasion of the
National Day of Sri Lanka



රුන මොනරා ආපනාශාලාව

Tel 2408055

Located behind the Salliya Complex, near the Volvo showroom.
Look for the green exterior. You can't miss it!

Mahaweli programme generating power, food, employment

Ensuring a better tomorrow

THE Mahaweli Ganga, through the ages has been an important source of life-giving water to the people of Sri Lanka. This river, the longest in Sri Lanka, rises in the Central Hills, winds its way through the Kotmale and Dumbara valleys, flows across the Dry Zone and enters the Indian Ocean at Trincomalee. Harnessing the waters of this mighty river has always remained the dream of our kings. After 2000 years, this dream is now being realised.

THE Mahaweli Ganga Development Project is the most far-reaching and largest national development programme ever to have been launched in the 2500 year history of Sri Lanka. It is a massive and ambitious development effort to ensure for the people of Sri Lanka a better tomorrow by generating more power, providing more food and creating more avenues of employment.

The original 30 year Mahaweli Development Plan presented in 1968 by a UNDP/FAO Team was telescoped into a seven year Accelerated Programme. The priority items under the Accelerated Mahaweli Programme are the major headworks projects of Kotmale, Victoria, Randenigala and Maduru Oya and Downstream Engineering works and settlement and development of the downstream areas designed as Systems B, C, G and H in the Mahaweli Master Plan. The Accelerated Mahaweli Programme was launched in 1979.

The Kotmale Project consists of a 87 metre high rock-fill dam and a reservoir providing for 180 million cubic metres of water. The underground power house with 3 generator units has an installed capacity of 200 megawatts. The primary benefits of this project are the generation of electricity and the regulation of water. The Kotmale Project was funded by Sweden.

Victoria Project consisting of a 118 metre high double curvature concrete arch dam and a reservoir with a storage capacity of 728 million cubic metres, provides regulated water supplies for downstream irrigation projects and generates 210 megawatts of power. Funding for the Victoria Project was provided by the United Kingdom government.

The 120 megawatt Randenigala Project consists of a 94-metre high rock-fill dam and a reservoir with a storage capacity of 860 million cubic metres and was funded by the Federal Republic of Germany. The 49 megawatt Rantembe Project is located immediately downstream of the Randenigala Project. This project is due for completion in 1989.

The Maduru Oya Project constructed with financial assistance from Canada was the first of the major headworks projects to be completed in the Accelerated Mahaweli Programme. This Project consists of a 40 metre high earth dam and two saddle dams and a reservoir with a storage capacity of 485 million cubic metres.

With the successful completion of the major hydropower projects under the AMP, the power development potential in the island has been more than doubled. As at end September 1987, the Kotmale, Victoria and Randenigala Projects have altogether generated 2627 gigawatt hours of energy with a gross value of Rs. 3940 million.

Projects

In addition to the four major headworks projects, all of which have been completed, the Accelerated Mahaweli Programme includes also, the development and settlement of the downstream areas. All downstream irrigation works which include several medium and small scale reservoirs, an intricate network of canals consisting of Main, Branch and tertiary canals along with related structures have been largely completed and commissioned.

The Mahaweli Scheme is primarily an exercise in establishing irrigated agriculture on large tracts of previously uncultivated land. This results in the settlement of landless families in the downstream areas where all necessary social infrastructure facilities such as education, health, post and telecommunication, trade and commerce as well as all other public and community services have been

provided at township, village and hamlet levels.

Upto September 1987, over 50,700 families have settled in the newly developed Mahaweli areas. 208 schools, 53 post offices, 81 health centres, 21 commercial banks and 115 co-operative sales outlets are functioning in the new Mahaweli areas. A system of new roads inter-connecting the Mahaweli areas has also been constructed.

The Mahaweli Systems H, C, B & G have already produced 1,259,344 metric tons of rice and 82,357 metric tons of other crops such as maize, chilli, cowpea, pulses, onion etc. from 1977 to mid 1987. The contribution of the Mahaweli Programme to the national production of rice has increased from 81,813 metric tons in 1981 to 325,714 metric tons in 1985, an increase of about 300 per cent.

Effort

The preservation of the environment and heritage are two high priority considerations in the Accelerated Mahaweli Programme. In this connection, extensive reforestation programmes have been launched in the immediate catchments of Victoria, Kotmale, Randenigala and at Minipe. Additionally, action has also been initiated to ensure the conservation of artefacts and archaeological material as well as for the preservation of the heritage in the areas that are affected by the new development.

Every effort has been taken to draw the women and youth of the Mahaweli areas into the main stream of the development activities. Several centres have been established within



The Kotmale Project consists of an 87 metre high rock-fill dam and a reservoir providing for 180 million cubic metres of water.

the Mahaweli areas which cater especially to the needs of the women and youth. Among them the Home Development Centres play a vital role in bettering the lot of the Mahaweli women by giving them training in a variety of fields which include health and sanitation, home economics, home science, dress making, home gardening and animal husbandry. These Centres also help enterprising women of the Mahaweli to be gainfully employed adding substantially to the family coffers.

Already Mahaweli women are earning fair incomes from such activities as cattle rearing, home gardening, dress making

and bee-keeping. Women in their capacity as 'culture bearers' are important participants in the Mahaweli's attempt at social development which emphasises the building of character and a desirable social value system in the settlements.

The Mahaweli Authority apart from providing a good educational foundation for its youth has progressed further in bettering their future prospects by diversification of off-farm activities which will cater to the needs of the second and third generations of farmers. The young settlers of the Mahaweli have not only found new and exciting job opportunities

through the special purpose projects established under this scheme, but have ventured out and established small scale industries and enterprises themselves. Some of the small scale ventures already established are ornamental fish breeding, pottery manufacture, handloom industries, commercial establishments and production of handicrafts.

Every encouragement is given to the settlers and their children to develop and enhance their dormant talents in the fields of fine arts and sports. The latent talents of these settlers in music, drama, dancing, acting, painting, sculpture and handicrafts, are brought to the limelight and given expression through the numerous exhibitions, variety entertainments and dramas held on a regular basis in the Mahaweli areas. The youth of the Mahaweli are especially encouraged to participate in

sports activities considered as one of the most important requirements for creating a physically and mentally healthy community.

The Mahaweli sector in Sri Lanka covers areas of the country served by ultra-modern irrigation, water management and agricultural development systems and is the country's most promising development field. With the successful completion of the infrastructure component, the Mahaweli programme has reached yet another phase of its growth process. The emphasis today is on enterprise and investment development and the generation of employment by a combined effort on the part of the settler, the government and the private entrepreneur in exploiting the vast economic potential of the Mahaweli. This marks the opening up of a new era of development, hope and fulfilment for Sri Lanka.



Females in Sri Lanka enjoy equal rights with their male counterparts and contribute to the national economy. In the educational sphere too their attainments are remarkably high.



The Mahaweli Ganga is a source of life-giving water to the people of Sri Lanka.

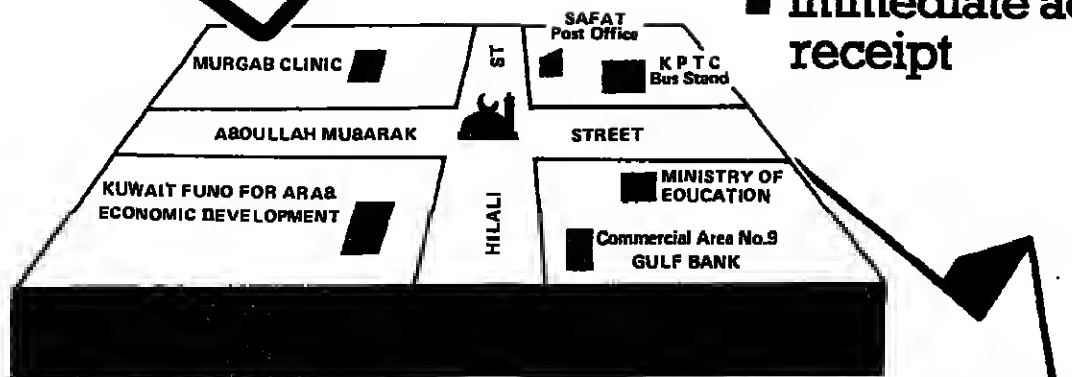


The preservation of the environment and heritage are high priority considerations with Mahaweli programme.

DRAFTS AND REMITTANCES in less than 5 minutes.

Fully Automated Exchange Service

- Wide choice of currencies
- Competitive rates
- Immediate acceptance upon receipt



The Gulf Bank's Exchange Service is open 6 days a week.

SAT - THURS, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Try The Gulf Bank's Fully Automated Exchange Service

The Fast, Safe and Secure Way to Send Money Home.

بنك الخليج
THE GULF BANK

Finding new ways to help you.

Located at Commercial Area No. 9 Branch,
Hilali Str., Murgab. Tel: 2447131/2436056



delta travel

Extend heartiest greetings to the
President, Prime Minister and
the People of Democratic
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
on the auspicious occasion of
their National Day.

Now twice a week flights from Kuwait
to Colombo, Sri Lanka. Departure at
22.30 every Sunday and 22.00 every
Wednesday

AIRLANKA
A taste of Paradise

For information & reservation
call the GSA in Kuwait

Telephones: 2424443-2424444-2424999-2425999

Prosperity of Sri Lanka depends on the fortunes of the tea industry

Home of the finest tea in the world

FROM the sunny isle of Sri Lanka (formerly known as Ceylon) nesting in the Indian Ocean south of India, comes the finest tea in the world—CEYLON-TEA.

Only the leaf bud and the first two tender leaves are used to make this product, which is welcomed in households the world over. Much more than an invigorating and refreshing drink, Ceylon tea has become a way of life for the majority of people around the world—the early morning 'cuppa' that starts off the day, the mid-morning relaxer, the afternoon refresher and even a drink at day's end. It is the drink that makes breakfast complete, and the drink that makes up 'tea time' or 'tea break.'

Tea has dominated the agriculture of Sri Lanka since the 1870s. The rich soil, cool climate, pure water, elevation and geographical position of the country provide the ideal acclaimed reputation for its superior quality and distinctive flavour. Even though just 65,610 square kilometres in extent, Sri Lanka today is the second largest exporter of tea in the world.

Tea in Sri Lanka's economy

The tea industry in Sri Lanka is a varied and complex industry. It is, judged by any scale of economic activities, the country's major industry. It contributes 27 per cent of the foreign exchange earnings of the country and generate 6 per cent of the internal revenue for the Government. In terms of Gross National Product, the tea industry counts for over 3 per cent. It provides employment, directly or indirectly, for over one million people of which over 700,000 are directly employed in the industry.

Sri Lanka's image in the international markets is that of a producer of quality teas. Sri Lanka produces a varied and diverse range of teas and this has resulted in her enjoying a share of every consuming market in the world.

These facts illustrate the pre-eminent position occupied by the Sri Lanka tea industry, both locally and internationally, and

indicate how closely the quality of the life of the people of Sri Lanka and the prosperity of the nation are dependent on the fortunes of the tea industry.

Management and ownership of the tea industry

The principal State agencies connected with the promotion, management, production and development of the Tea sector are:

(a) The Sri Lanka Tea Board.
(b) The Janatha Estates Development Board.
(c) The Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation.
(d) The Tea Small Holdings Development Authority.

Nearly 55 per cent of the tea acreage of the country is now owned by the public sector and the balance by the private sector. In terms of crop, the output by the public sector tea lands is nearly 60 per cent of the Island's tea production. The tea export trade is predominantly held by the private sector.

The Sri Lanka Tea Board

The Tea Board was established in 1976 and is an amalgamation of four separate State Agencies, viz.:

(a) Tea Promotion Bureau.
(b) Tea Research Institute.
(c) Tea Commissioner's Division.
(d) Tea Exports Division.

The activities previously performed by all the above Agencies have now been vested under the Tea Board.

A brief account of the activities of the Tea Board is enumerated below:

Tea promotion

The overseas tea promotion campaigns are conducted under two broad facts, namely:

1. **Unimational Campaigns:** These are aimed specifically on increasing the consumption of Sri Lanka teas. These campaigns are entrusted to the Tea Board's own offices situated in the United Kingdom, United States of America, Australia, Japan, Pakistan, Dubai and Egypt.

2. **Generic Campaigns:** These are related to the promotion of tea as a beverage. These campaigns are conducted through the medium of Tea Councils established in collaboration

with other tea producing countries and trade interests. These councils are presently operating in the United States of America, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada and Australia.

Research

The Sri Lanka Tea Board has the world's largest research centre for tea. Situated in the tea growing area of Talawakele, the Tea Research Institute conducts research into every aspect of production and processing of all types of tea grown in various climatic zones. Particular attention is paid to the improvement of the quality of the product and all its chemical implications. Research findings are applied in the industry both in tea plantations and factories.

Janatha Estates Development Board

The total cultivated tea area under its management is 62,602 hectares. The management of estates has been decentralised by the creation of five Regional Boards with appropriate authority. The JEDB has 255 tea estates mainly in high and medium grown areas.

This progress has been achieved due to several export incentives given by the Government to encourage the exporters of these value-added products. Among them were:

(a) Concessionary export duties.
(b) Import duty rebates.
(c) Grants for exports expansion.
(d) Tea promotion in selected markets.

Speciality teas

A variety of flavoured teas such as Earl Grey, Lemon, Cardamom, Clove, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, etc. are available for export either in bag or packet form. Hot and cold soluble instant tea and green tea are also produced for export.

iced tea

The ideal thirst quencher for a hot summer day, iced tea is a delicious blend of tea and lemon, orange, lime or cinnamon flavouring. There is a wide range of flavours for selection. Iced tea can be made direc-

tly into a cool, refreshing drink or into a steaming cup of flavoured tea.

Bulk tea

Blended as well as unblended tea in bulk form is shipped in aluminium lined plywood chest or cartons containing between 40 - 50 kgs, per chest depending on the particle size of each grade of tea.

Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation

The Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation has 56,453 hectares of tea under its management. The SLSPC has 266 estates mostly in the low grown areas. There tea areas are grouped for effective management into six regional offices as in JEDB.

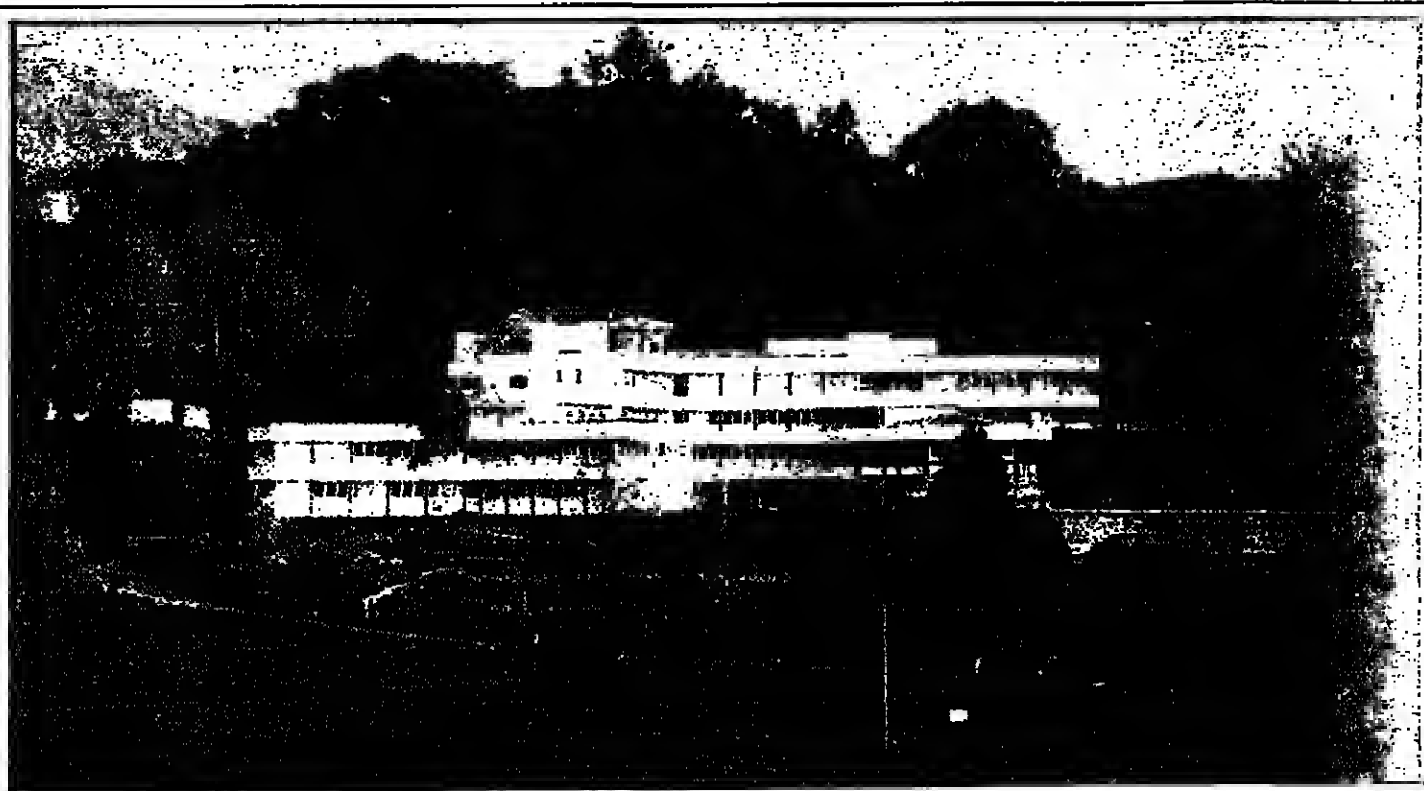
Tea Small Holdings Development Authority

The Tea Small Holdings Development Authority established under the Tea Small Holdings Development Law, No. 35 of 1975, was empowered with wide ranging powers in respect to the small holders sector specially in the provision of assistance to establish support services for small holders under 4 hectares (approximately 126,000) and small private estate owners with estates in the range of 4-20 hectares (approximately 2,394 units).

Tea growing areas in Sri Lanka

The acreage under cultivation is approximately 600,000 acres and this is by far the largest acreage under a single export crop in Sri Lanka.

Ceylon teas are grown at elevations ranging from sea level to 2135 metres (7000 ft.) above. The liquoring, flavouring and aromatic characteristics of the teas differ according to their area of growth—sectioned as low-grown, mid-grown and high-grown. (Tea is called high-grown tea if it is processed in a factory situated above 2,000 ft. but below 4,000 ft. and low-grown tea in factories situated less than 2,000 ft. above sea level). In this way, Sri Lanka produces a wide variety of teas to suit different markets and tastes around the world.



Tea Research Institute: Sri Lanka is the world's second largest exporter of tea.

Grades of tea produced

At the final stage of processing, tea is graded according to the size and appearance of the leaf. There are two main grades: Leaf and Broken Leaf.

Leaf grades (large leaved) are Orange Pekoe (OP) Pekoe (Pek) and Flowery Pekoe (FP). Broken Leaf grades are: Broken Orange Pekoe (BOP), Broken Pekoe (BP) and Fannings grades which include all small leaf varieties such as: Broken Orange Pekoe Fannings (BOPF) Pekoe Fannings (PF) and Fannings (Fgs).

'Dust', the smallest leaf particle size, is valued for its strength and quick infusion. These names are applied to all teas irrespective of the elevation at which it is grown.

Colombo tea market

Weekly public tea auctions are held in Colombo, which is the largest and best organised Tea Auction Centre in the world. About 90 per cent of the Sri Lanka's crop is sold at this auction. Buyers from all over the world patronise this Auction Centre as it offers a wide variety of teas to meet the varied requirements of blenders and packers. Prior to each weekly auction, samples of teas on sale are sent to prospective

buyers. Tea tasters evaluate these samples and decide on their worth according to the requirements of markets. It is often necessary to blend various teas to obtain the required standards of buyers. The finely developed skills of tea tasting and blending enable Ceylon tea to maintain consistency of quality.

Sri Lanka processors of tea bags and packets, therefore, have the benefit of the traditional skills and technical services available in the Colombo tea market. These facilities contribute to the production of quality tea bags and packets to meet the highly specialised demands of buyers the world over.

The efficient telecommunication network of Sri Lanka, a well developed banking system, up-to date port facilities with modern containerised services to most destinations and regular shipping services facilitate the smooth export of tea. All sectors of the tea industry connected with exports function with the high degree of efficiency and discipline demanded by modern international trading.

Tea exports from Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka exports a total of

approximately 200,000 metric tons of tea annually. Tea is exported in different forms, according to market requirements.

Packeted Tea

Sri Lanka exports packeted tea to over 40 countries in the world. Ceylon tea comes in wide ranges of packs: sachet, aluminium foil soft packs, box board cartons, economy packs, reed-ware or basket packs, soft wood boxes, tins and canisters, to suit every type of consumer demand. The usual net weights of tea in packs are: 25, 50, 100, 125, 250, 400, 500, 750 and 1000 grams.

Tea bags

There is a high demand for tea bags in the international tea market. The bags offer the advantage of being economical and convenient whilst retaining the natural goodness of tea, particularly if good quality Ceylon tea is used. Sri Lanka manufactures a complete range of tea bags such as: Heat Sealed (single chamber) and Non-heat Sealed (double chamber and gusseted) bags with or without string and tag and with or without envelope. The popular packs are: 25, 50 and 100 bags consumer cartons and 500 - 1000 bag catering packs.

Non-alignment cornerstone of foreign policy

(Continued from Page 7)

ities. Nevertheless, the government is determined to restore peace and normalcy and has redoubled its efforts to implement a programme of resettlement rehabilitation and reconstruction.

It is our earnest hope that this year will see the final resolution of the ethnic problem and that Sri Lanka will be freed from the

ugly monster of separatist terrorism so that we could continue the task of nation building.

I take this opportunity to thank our compatriots and our friends abroad for their efforts in assisting us in creating a climate of understanding, abroad, and thereby given us added strength to forge closer links between Sri Lanka and the international community.

From the people
who can ship
anything to anywhere,
to the people of
SRI LANKA
and its Government,
Warm Congratulation
for their National day.

Alghanim



Freight

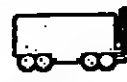
An affiliate of Alghanim Industries



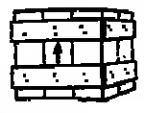
Sea



Air



Land



Packing



Our heartiest greetings to the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the National Day.

දෙසිරිවිති
ද සිරි ඉන්ද්‍රජයන්තර වත්සවයේ සහයෝගී විය

ආරම්භ කරන ලද
ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ මුල් රැජිනියේ ස්මරණ පිළිබඳව
ඉතාම සතුටින් සිටිමින් සිටිමු.

අපගේ සේවා

* ඉන්දියාව

* කාර්ය සහය

* විස්තරය

* ආවරණය

* වෙනත් වැඩි පාලන කණ්ඩායම් සේවා සේවාවන් විශාලය.

සමස්ත සියලුම මුදල් රැකියා අරමුදලක් සහ
කාර්යාලය මෙම විස්තරය.

ලබාගත

සැලකිය යුතු කාර්යාලය සාදන

(ලබාගත සේවා සහ කාර්යාල සේවාව)

සලකුණු සේවාව

කාර්යාලයේ වේලාවන්:

සෙනසුටාද සිට මුහුර්තමාන දක්වා

ස.ව. 8.30 - ප.ව. 1 දක්වා

ප.ව. 4.00 - ප.ව. 7.30 දක්වා

සිකුරාද - ප.ව. 3.00 - ප.ව. 7.30 දක්වා

ලිපිනය

අල්-කුලුබ් ගොඩනැගිල්ල/බිලි-බි-බි

අල්-කුලුබ් විදා./සිවි

පැ.ව. 21804 - සැලකිය යුතු

දුරකථන: 2441846, 2441845

මෙම ලේඛන: 44167 CITEK KT-C:R. NO 37159

Our correspondents in Sri Lanka are:

1. Bank of Credit & Commerce Int'l (Overseas) Ltd.

2. Bank of Ceylon

3. Hatton National Bank Ltd.

شركة المدينة للصيرفة الدولية ذ.م.م

The City International Exchange Co. W.L.L.

دي سي تي إي إنٹرنیشنل ایکسچینج কোম্পানী

MAIN OFFICE: Al-Saleh Building, Al-Hilali Street, P.O. Box No. 21804 - Safat - 13079 Kuwait.

Tel: 2441845, 2441846.

BRANCH OFFICE: Al Dabous Building, Al-Makkah Street, P.O. Box No. 7823 - Fahaheel -

64009 Kuwait. Tel: 3910097, 3928175.

NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA: AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT

Open door policy pays dividends

Strong foundations for investment

The economy of Sri Lanka is liberal and follows an open door policy. Investments from abroad have poured into the country under the Greater Colombo Economic Commission and the Foreign Investment Advisory Committee; while they bring in much foreign exchange they also provide employment for the educated youth in Sri Lanka.

INITIATED in 1978 by an Act of Parliament, the GCEC is an autonomous statutory body created to promote export oriented foreign investment, generate employment opportunities and increase export earnings. Functioning directly under His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka, the GCEC headed by a Director General, is a five member body entrusted with wide ranging powers and is the only agency that foreign investors need deal with. It is an authority motivated, empowered and equipped to assist the investor through all stages of his venture: from decision making, production through to expansion.

In fulfilling its objectives the GCEC has set up two Export Processing Zones (EPZs) at Katunayake and Biyagama. The Katunayake EPZ is located adjacent to the International Airport (at Katunayake), 29 kms from the Port of Colombo. The continued demand for factory sites led the GCEC to commence its second EPZ at Biyagama, 25 kms from the city of Colombo. Both EPZs provide a multitude of infrastructure facilities and a wide range of services. Investors are assured of setting up their enterprises with the minimum of inconvenience.

Agreements
At present the GCEC has signed over 136 project agreements for export oriented enterprises, with substantial investments from over 25 countries. Over 100 enterprises are already in full operation or under construction employing

over 49,000 persons. In cases where techno-economic considerations warrant it, enterprises may also be located elsewhere in the country with the approval of the GCEC, as licensed enterprises. The setting up of industries that are export oriented, labour intensive and where possible resource based are especially favoured. A wealth of natural resources provide investors in Sri Lanka with a strong foundation on which to base their projects.

Foreign investment in GCEC's EPZs are encouraged through an attractive package of benefits for GCEC approved enterprises. A 100 per cent tax exemption period of up to 10 years duration may be granted to all manufacturers who set up new plants in the zones and outside the zones as GCEC's licensed enterprises. Taxes on all corporate and personal incomes, dividends and royalties are exempted during the duration of the tax exemption period. Extended tax concessions up to an additional 15 years is granted depending on the nature of the project.

There is no limit on equity holdings with free transferability of shares. 100 per cent foreign ownership is possible. No tax on capital transfers or proceeds of liquidation. Double taxation relief. Other cost saving incentives include duty free imports of machinery, equipment, raw materials and construction materials. Exports are also duty free. Security of investment is further guaranteed by constitutional and statutory provisions and international



With a literacy rate of nearly 90 per cent, Sri Lanka offers a reserve labour force of nearly a million educated young men and women.

agreements.

With a literacy rate of nearly 90 per cent and the widespread use of the English language, Sri Lanka offers a reserve labour force of nearly a million educated young men and women. Workers of all categories are available at cost-effective rates.

Sri Lanka's strategic location midway between Europe and the Far East and the quality of its air and sea connections offer ready access to all the world's major markets. The Port of Colombo, already a premier transshipment centre for all of Asia, with "fourth generation" container facilities is serviced by more than 35 shipping lines while the Katunayake International Airport is

served by over a dozen international carriers.

Modern telecommunication systems connect the outside world through high quality international direct dial, telex, facsimile and data transmission services. A large number of banks operate in Colombo. In addition a network of foreign currency banking units (FCBUs) are operated by both domestic and international banks to provide investors with offshore funds.

The GCEC meets all investor inquiries with efficiency and flexibility, and is able to muster the numerous investment opportunities that exist in Sri Lanka.



Heartiest Greetings
and
Best Wishes to
His Excellency

J. R. Jayewardene
President of Sri Lanka

and the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the
40TH NATIONAL DAY OF SRI LANKA

අපේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ

شركة الهاشمي المتجدة
Trico International (Fwd) Ltd.

INTERNATIONAL FORWARDING/SHIPPING AGENTS
SOUQ AL WATIA P.O. BOX 4320 SAFAT, POSTAL CODE 13044 KUWAIT
TEL. 2421 427 2421 428 TLX. 22879 HASHEMI KT

Head Office
TRICO INTL.
(PVT) LTD.
Shant House, River Park Road
Wood Green
London N22 4TB
England
Tel: 088 3787 (10 Lines)
Telex: 883240 TRICO G

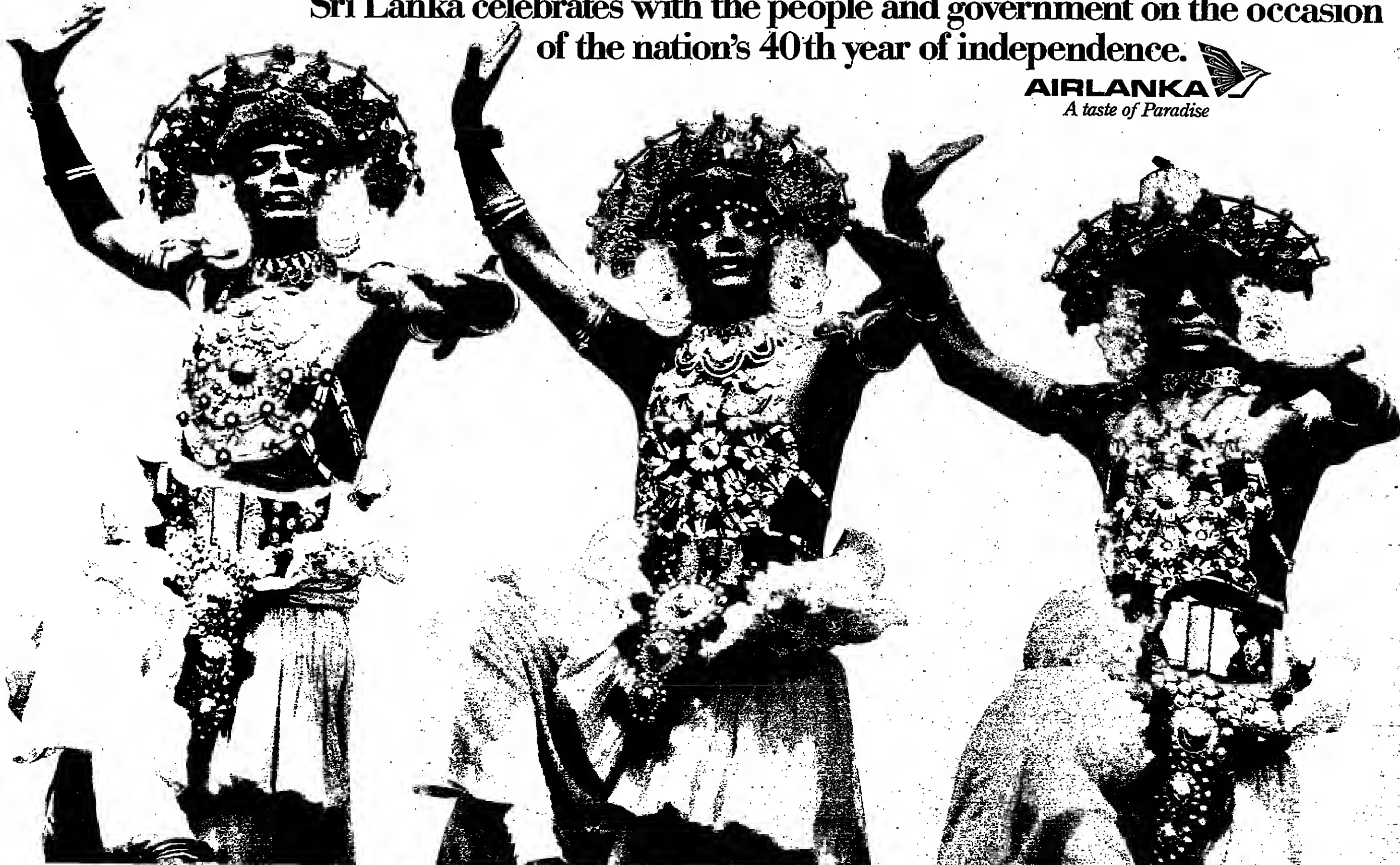
West Germany
TRICO INTL. SHIPPING &
(PVT) LTD.
Hauptstrasse 133
21044 Hamburg 92
Germany
Tel: 701 7086/6
Telex: 217988 TRICO D

United Arab Emirates
TRICO INTL.
(PVT) LTD.
P.O. Box 7921
Dubai
U.A.E.
Tel: 46161 TRICO DM
Telex: 46161 TRICO DM

Subsidiary of Trico
TRICO INTL. (PVT) LTD.
(ENGLAND)
P.O. Box 3681
Colombo 13
Sri Lanka
Tel: 548270 - 546519
Telex: 22388 TRICO ON

The Airline of the Democratic Socialist Republic of
Sri Lanka celebrates with the people and government on the occasion
of the nation's 40th year of independence.

AIRLANKA
A taste of Paradise



BUSINESS & FINANCE

IMF sees small cut in economic growth

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (Reuters) The International Monetary Fund, in a quick review of the global economy following the October stock market collapse, shaved its growth estimates for this year slightly, monetary sources said yesterday.

At the same time, however, the IMF estimated that the stunning 508-point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average on October 19 appeared to have reduced inflationary pressures in the leading industrial countries.

"It was not a full-blown review but a quick exercise to see what had happened," said one source.

The next formal review will be released during the spring meeting of the IMF policy-making committee in April.

The IMF has often said that economic health in the wealthy industrial countries was a key part of its debt policy, since poorer countries badly needed strong markets for their exports to earn the foreign exchange needed to service their debts.

Growth

In its formal review in October, the IMF estimated that growth this year in the industrial countries would be 2.6 per cent but cut this to 2.5 per cent in the informal review completed about three weeks ago.

For the United States, it reduced its estimate for growth from 2.7 per cent this year to 2.6 per cent. Inflation in the United States, however, was reduced to an estimated 3.6 per cent for this year from 3.8 per cent.

Looking at Japan, the IMF estimated the economy this year would expand by 3.7 per cent instead of the previous forecast of 3.4 per cent. The IMF economists said it now appeared that last year the Japanese economy grew by 3.8 per cent instead of 3.2 per cent.

"The Japanese have been stimulating their economy and it is showing up in the estimates," a source said.

However, the economists substantially cut their estimate for West German growth this year, saying it now appeared that it would slow from an estimate of 2.1 per cent given in October to 1.6 per cent.

Iraq, Oman agree to boost trade

MUSCAT, Feb. 3. (Kuna) Iraq and Oman today agreed to increase the volume of the two-way trade between them and strengthen economic cooperation to several areas.

The agreement was reached at the end of a meeting of the joint Iraq-Omani commission which was presided over by communication ministers of the two countries.

The Iraqi Minister Mohammed Hamzah Al Zubaidi was quoted by Radio Muscat as underlining the need for the two countries to step up exchange of manufactured goods, raw materials and agricultural products.

It was also agreed that Iraq and Oman would exchange expertise in communications fields.

GCC oil and gas export income up

ABU DHABI, Feb. 3. (Opecna) The overall 1987 oil and gas exports of the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) amounted to about 6.80 million bpd while total earnings during the year was recorded at more than \$37 billion, according to a report released here.

Of the six GCC countries, four — Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE — are also Opec members.

The report, prepared by the UAE ministry of petroleum and natural resources, said that Saudi Arabia recorded the highest revenue level with \$20.9 billion during the year against 17.2 billion in 1986.

Second was Kuwait with \$6.2 billion (4.44 billion in 1986), followed by the UAE with \$5.94 billion (\$5.88 billion in 1986) and Qatar with \$1.6 billion (\$1.42 billion in 1986).

The 1987 oil and gas export revenues of the two GCC countries Oman and Bahrain, which are non-Opec oil producers, stood at \$2.98 billion and \$806 million respectively against 2.2 billion and 625 million in 1986.

Industrial countries urged to relax their siege mentality

Khalifa allays fears of energy crisis

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (Kuna) Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa said yesterday world-wide fears of an imminent energy crisis were unjustified and based on widespread misconceptions.

"There is plenty of oil and gas at current prices and technology," the minister told a dinner audience of mostly oil and futures traders.

"The major industrial countries should relax their siege mentality regarding decisions in the energy sector," the Kuwaiti minister said.

Crisis

"Since a crisis is unlikely to develop in the remaining part of this century, basing decisions on attempts to ensure against an unlikely event can be extremely costly and result in lower well-being," he warned.

Al Khalifa said measures should be pursued to make the petroleum industry transparent, including producer-consumer dialogues, adding it was better "to make decisions based on facts than on myths."

Following his remarks in the dining room of McGraw-Hill located on the fifth floor of the McGraw-Hill Building, the minister fielded questions from the audience, which included Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Alhussain and officials from the London-based Kuwait Petroleum International.

Asked what oil price level the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) would consider desirable, Al Khalifa said anything in the range of between \$16 and \$18 a barrel would be good for producers and consumers, and would lead the industry to explore for more oil and gas.

View

The Kuwait official, who also heads the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, took a more relaxed view with regard to reports of discounting by some oil producers, including Opec countries.

"If our estimates of supply and demand are about on target, prices will not collapse just because one or two countries are discounting," he said.

He added that Opec production was currently "at least two million barrels a day below the fourth-quarter 1987 level" and that the weakness in the market will disappear "within the next couple of months."

"In this sense, while I don't like discounting, it doesn't cause me to lose sleep," Al Khalifa said.

Discussing his assessment of the trends in the oil markets, Al Khalifa said misconceptions about the petroleum situation are widespread on both supply and demand sides.

With regard to the supply side,



Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa

he said, reserves are much more abundant than the public realises as a result of reassessments of recoverable crude from existing fields and extensions to those fields.

New recoveries are continuously being made in the United States and the North Sea, and in the Opec countries the situation is even better, he said.

Reserves

The minister mentioned Kuwait as one country where additions to reserves since 1980 "have been a multiple of all our past production."

Venezuela and Libya have recently added to their offshore reserves, the UAE has raised their reserve estimates as a result

of new studies, and the potential of Iraq is yet to be explored, he said.

"It would not be unreasonable if I said that all the above-mentioned additions to reserves can be brought to the market at current prices and with current technology, and it is," Al Khalifa said.

He said oil industry executives in the seventies and early eighties were the first ones to believe the "loose talk" about the energy crisis and imminent shortage of crude.

Exploration

As a result, he said, the companies' exploration and production departments expanded and budgets increased with complete disregard to cost.

As the picture started to change after 1983, the executives started to take a closer look at their exploration and production expenditure, and cutbacks had to be made, Al Khalifa said.

With regard to demand, popular misconceptions are just as prevalent, according to the minister, who noted that many industry experts had been underestimating global demand and growth prospects.

"We may be doomed to live in a world where the International Energy Agency (IEA) continuously revises their demand estimates only two weeks after Opec meetings," he said.

But he also blamed the oil companies whom he said have an interest in underestimating demand in order that Opec lower its sights.

Neither did he spare some of his Opec colleagues from criticism. "They are just as guilty in making lower estimates, if not in the hope of manipulating oil prices at least to ensure there won't be a repetition of 1986" when prices collapsed, he said.

Hope

Al Khalifa expressed hope that violent price fluctuations in either direction can be avoided.

As for the oil companies, they should raise their exploration and production efforts but with continued monitoring of the cost so long as they expect prices to remain stable in the coming two or three years with the possibility of strengthening in the '90s, he said.

The minister was asked if Kuwait planned to raise its stake in British Petroleum beyond its current 18.8 per cent interest, and if it seeks representation on the BP board. He said such a decision would be taken independently by the Kuwait Investment Office in London.

"What they have said is that they are taking this as a long-term investment. Whether they want a member on the board should be worked out by them," Al Khalifa said.

Oil price stability at hand, says Lukman

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 3. (Reuters) The president of Opec said yesterday he was confident a new production accord was working and that oil prices would remain stable, without repeating their sharp fall in 1986.

Rilwan Lukman, who is also Nigeria's Oil Minister, said that the 12 Opec members which signed an agreement in December to limit their production to 15.06 million barrels a day had in fact produced less than that in January.

Lukman is in Davos for what is billed as an "energy summit" of 27 top energy executives and officials, including the leaders of Saudi Arabia and non-Opec member Norway, on the fringes of this year's World Economic Forum.

Agreement

The December agreement of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries was adopted to prevent a renewed slide in oil prices.

In the wake of it, prices did steady, at between \$16 and \$17 a barrel, still below Opec's benchmark of \$18.

Lukman said oil consumers were now drawing three million barrels a day of oil from their stockpiles, a situation that could last forever without supplies becoming tight.

Stable

"There is no question why prices should not remain at this level and given time — even rise to \$18," he said.

He told a news conference he believed that Iraq, the one Opec member which refused to join the



Rilwan Lukman during a press conference after his speech about the future of the energy sector in Davos on Tuesday (Reuters wirephoto)

accord, was also producing only 2.1 to 2.2 million barrels a day, less than the 2.35 million barrels private analysts have estimated.

At a discussion with some of the 1,000 businessmen and government officials attending the forum, Lukman said Opec now wanted stable prices, but at a level that would sustain long-term exploration and development costs.

"What the world — oil producers within Opec and those outside as well as consumers —

needed was a dialogue to avoid repeating the 1986 oil price fall from \$25 to only \$9 a barrel after Opec abandoned its output ceiling."

Views

Bot Lukman was upstaged at his own presentation by Hisham Nazer, Oil Minister of Opec's most powerful country, Saudi Arabia. Nazer quietly joined the audience and listened attentively to Lukman's remarks.

As the meeting neared its close, a questioner asked if the

Saudi minister might kindly share his views of the near-term future for oil.

Nazer rose, bowed to Lukman to ask permission to speak, and said: "There is nothing I can add... in view of the fact that all countries and governments are trying to avert a crisis in the '90s, we should avoid policies that would cause it in the '80s."

He sat down to thunderous applause. The two-day "energy summit" concludes today.

New and better economic ties with Moscow possible, says Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 3. (Reuters) Moscow's economic liberalisation will open the way for new and better business ties between Japan and the Soviet Union, helping to thaw the chill of recent decades, a senior Japanese industrialist said today.

Delegates from the two countries signed contracts worth \$210 million in forestry, natural resources and textiles during the week-long Japan-Soviet business cooperation conference which ended today, said the head of the Soviet delegation.

"We are looking forward to a dynamic and stable economic relationship with Japan," said Chairman Vladislav L. Malkevich of the Soviet Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Japan's chief delegate, Hiroshi Anzai, said the Soviet government's recent moves to streamline economic management and open it to outside participation, dubbed "perestroika," will provide new possibilities for Japanese companies.

Japan may send a trade mission to Moscow later this year, after a gap of three years, Anzai added.

Illegal sales of Japan's high-tech machinery to the Soviet Union last year have chilled Japan's trade with Moscow at a time when economic relations between the two were already cool after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in 1979.

Moscow aims for convertible currency in trade drive

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 3. (Reuters) The Soviet Union has a long-term goal of a fully convertible rouble as part of its drive to increase foreign trade and reform its economy, a senior Soviet official said today.

Ivan Ivanov, deputy chairman of the State Commission for Foreign Economic Relations, told the Davos World Economic Forum: "We have changed the system of our economic planning."

The Soviet Union was streamlining its bureaucracy for projects with Western companies, and would not allow foreign partners veto power in joint ventures in the Soviet Union.

Services

It was also about to conclude a joint venture in financial services, and was seven considering mergers and acquisitions with foreign companies to improve its marketing abroad.

Ivanov was speaking on the final day of the week-long symposium, which brought together 1,000 top business leaders and government officials in this Swiss ski resort.

It was the third consecutive year — that is, each year since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power — that the Soviet Union has made a presentation to this prestigious, and overwhelmingly capitalist audience.

Two years ago, Prime Minister

Nikolai Ryzhkov addressed the meeting by a satellite television link, and last year this year Moscow sent a high-powered delegation of trade officials to appeal for Westerners to invest in Soviet industry.

Power

"Obviously as a big industrial power, we would prefer to have our currency freely convertible," he said. "But we have to make several steps first."

"We have to stabilise money supply and product supply. We have problems in these two areas," he said.

Then the Soviet Union would have to complete its price reform programme designed to bring prices in the Soviet Union in line with costs. The target date for that was the end of 1989, in time for the next five-year plan.

Finally, Soviet industrial enterprises would have to become competitive with foreign companies so they could engage successfully in foreign trade.

Asked for the timeframe for a convertible rouble, he said: "Speaking personally, we can think about convertibility seriously in the second half of the 1990s."

Capital

In the short term Moscow has openly wooed foreign capital. Ivanov said there were now 700 industrial cooperation projects under way, 23 joint ventures with

foreign partners, 17 of those with Western firms, 42 more joint ventures approved and 260 offers to negotiate ventures pending.

Most of the ventures were in industrial sectors, but he added: "The financial area is open as well."

Moscow's Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs had several offers for joint ventures. "I think that in the nearest future we will come up with something," he said.

He told a questioner Soviet authorities were unwilling to relinquish the right to a majority stake of 51 per cent in joint ventures or that a Soviet citizen be general manager.

"What is open for negotiation is that your contract might specify that decisions must be made unanimously," he added. That would give the foreign investor effective veto rights.

Foreign partners would also be allowed to take profits out of the country in goods or hard currency — provided the amount did not exceed the hard currency revenue the venture had earned.

And joint ventures, originally intended to produce for export, would now be allowed to compete for state orders and government contracts, he said.

The Soviet Union would also consider buying companies abroad if that helped in marketing its goods.

China urges Western businessmen to invest in new economic zone

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 3. (Reuters) The head of China's Communist Party urged top Western capitalists today to invest — and even buy land — in a special economic zone being created on China's southern Hainan island.

General Secretary Zhao Ziyang, speaking by a direct satellite television link from the Great Hall of the People in Peking to the world economic forum, said: "Our preparations are underway for opening the island to the rest of the world."

"We welcome people from other countries to invest there, exploit its resources and do all kinds of business, including that of real estate," he told his audience of the 1,000 businessmen and senior government officials gathered in Davos.

Zhao also welcomed the relaxation of tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union and said he hoped China would develop better relations with Moscow as well.

Commitments

He said problems still cropped up with Washington, and there were obstacles in Sino-Soviet relations.

"As you know, the responsibility for all this does not lie with China," he said.

He urged the United States to live up to what he called its com-

mitments, and added: I also hope that the Soviet Union will make due efforts towards removing the obstacles."

But he concentrated his 20-minute presentation on China's need for investment to build up its economy.

Since China first opened its doors to Western business investment nine years ago, industrial companies around the world have been trying to find ways into the Chinese market.

Measures

But after the initial enthusiasm, many businessmen became disillusioned, first at the small scope of investment allowed by China, and then with a clampdown last year on the trend towards Westernisation that saw several reform-oriented Politburo members removed.

Zhao's message seemed intended to reassure businessmen that China was now interested in getting back to business.

"We need all measures that help the growth of China's productive forces, and will endorse and encourage them," he said, adding:

"It is our hope that before long people everywhere will realise that China, especially its coastal open area, is a most attractive place for investment and technology input."

World Business Summary

ABC boosts provisions against Third World debt

BAHRAIN, Feb. 3. (Reuters) Bahrain's biggest offshore bank, Arab Bank Corp (ABC), said yesterday it was adding \$375 million to Third World provisions and would declare no profit for 1987. The bank, jointly owned by Kuwait, Libya and the Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi, said its move was taken to cope with a new international trend in setting aside reserves against developing countries. It would boost the bank's cover to 22.5 per cent of its total loan exposure to those nations rescheduling their debt.

President and chief executive Abdullah Saudi told Reuters: "We want to show we have built up enough reserves throughout the years to cope with the new trend in the market." A financial statement from the bank said \$158 million were allocated to provisions from 1987 operating profits plus 217 million from reserves and retained earnings. Some \$125 million came from an "extraordinary financial reserve" the bank set up in 1982 with the specific aim of setting aside some profits each year against the possible future reduction in value of its assets. The result of the move is to reduce shareholders' funds to \$1.06 billion from 1.26 billion at the end of 1986, but Saudi said: "We still have good shareholders' equity, it is over \$1 billion." The measures mean ABC will pay no dividend to shareholders — the Kuwaiti Ministry of Finance, Libyan Treasury and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. It declared a net profit in 1986 of \$107 million and paid out 53 million.

With the exception of some specialised investment houses, ABC is the second major international bank in Bahrain to reveal 1987 results. The consortium bank Arabank International — 10 per cent owned by ABC — took a \$132 million loss in a move to boost its provisions to 19 per cent of loans. The level of provisions set aside by Bahrain-based banks has often been a secret and ABC had not specified its level before.

Indonesia will keep oil mainly for export

JAKARTA, Feb. 3. (Reuters) President Suharto opened a geothermal complex today and said Indonesia should save its oil for export. "We should not depend on oil alone for our energy needs, because although we've got oil, if we continue to depend on it in a big way then it will quickly run out because oil is a natural resource which cannot be renewed," Suharto said. He said crude oil reserves should be kept mainly for export to earn foreign exchange for Indonesia, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The Indonesian government, worried by its failure to come up with new oil finds as quickly as it is pumping crude, has launched a two-pronged drive to encourage oil exploration while reducing dependence on oil. It is placing emphasis on developing coal and natural gas supplies for generating domestic electric power, is still debating whether to go ahead with construction of its first nuclear power plant, on Java, and is also getting into hydro and geothermal power. Indonesia, on the "Pacific rim of fire," has a geothermal potential of 10,000 megawatts, according to official estimates. But geothermal energy, which harnesses the heat from volcanic rock, at present accounts for under 0.5 per cent of Indonesia's energy output. Suharto today opened the second and third stages of the Kamojang power plant, east of Bandung in West Java, consisting of two 55 megawatt steam-driven units costing \$61 million.

Opec oil output slumps

LONDON, Feb. 3. (Reuters) Opec's Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) crude oil production fell sharply last month, according to a Reuters poll of industry experts yesterday. The survey indicated the 13-nation organisation produced 16.7 million barrels per day in January against 18.35 million bpd a month earlier. The January figure was near Opec's self-imposed ceiling of 16.6 million bpd for the first half of 1988 which was agreed at a ministerial meeting of the group in December in Vienna. That agreement excluded Iraq, which refused to accept its quota as it was less than that of Gulf war adversary Iran, and gave a ceiling for the other 12 members of 15.06 million bpd.

The estimates were pulled by Reuters correspondents from oil traders, shipping sources, industry executives and analysts in the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Latin America. They showed that the 12 Opec producers, excluding Iraq, were around 740,000 bpd below their 15.06 million ceiling, with Iran, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Algeria, Libya and the UAE all under quota. Analysts said the sharp fall in output was partly due to cutbacks by the major Gulf over-producers and to big buyers like Japan balking at paying official Opec prices for crude when oil on the spot market cost up to \$1.50 a barrel less.

Michael Vardi of Kleinwort Grenson Securities in London said the figures showed that Opec's efforts to mop up surplus oil, created by its over-production in late 1987, were starting to work. Vardi said: "Prices just about seem to have bottomed out. There will be a few more weeks of worry and February will be uncertain." But prices should rise back to around official Opec levels (of \$18) in the first quarter, he added.

Qatar firm returns to black

DOHA, Feb. 3. (Reuters) Qatar Petrochemical Co (Qapco) said today it had turned a 1986 loss into a profit of 85 million riyals (\$23 million) during 1987. The company, owned 84 per cent by the government holding company Qatar General Petroleum Corp. (QGPC) and 16 per cent by France's Charbonnages de France (CDF), had reported a 1986 loss of 57 million riyals (\$15.6 mln). The company said turnover increased to 454 million riyals (\$124.4 million) in 1987 from 447 million riyals (\$122.4 million) in 1986. Qapco's general manager Michel Fensin attributed the turnaround to cost cuts and improved polyethylene prices which he said averaged \$700 per tonne compared with about \$500 in 1986. He said production of ethylene increased to 263,000 tonnes from 258,000 tonnes in 1986, linear low density polyethylene decreased to 174,000 tonnes from 176,000 tonnes and sulphur increased to 48,000 tons from 45,000 tonnes.

EEC boosts steel output

BRUSSELS, Feb. 3. (Kuhna) The European Economic Community (EEC) commission today announced it is raising its steel production quota for the first quarter of 1988 from 9.58 million tons to 10.72 million tons to meet the growing demand. With the quota increase about 1.14 million tons more steel will be produced than was originally planned. The decision covers three main line of products, namely hot-rolled coil and cold-rolled sheet, heavy plate and heavy sections. A spokesman for the commission explained that the increase in steel production was in response to a recently secured new order from outside the EEC combined with increasing domestic consumption.

The EEC commission agreed in January to extend its seven-year-long steel production quota to June this year to guarantee a balance of supply and demand on the European steel market.

Tenby

QUALITY SWITCHES

MADE IN ENGLAND

ENQUIRIES TO: POST BOX 21632 SAFAT, 13077 SAFAT KUWAIT.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	LAND SECS	480/0
ABBEY LFE	255/0	LAPORTE	394/0
ABET LTONS	335/0	LASMO	317/0
AMSTRAD	137/0	LEGAL+GEN	220/0
ARGYLL GP	196/0	LLOYDS BK	260/0
ASDA MFI	173/0	LOHNOH	250/0
A S FOODS	307/0	LUCAS IND	606/0
BAA PP	110/0	MAGNET	254/0
BTR	258/4	MARKS+SP	179/0
BAT INDS	433/0	MAXWELL C	253/0
BARCLAYS	483/4	METAL BOX	187/0
BASS	788/0	MEPC	460/0
BEAZER	189/2	MIDLAND BK	414/0
BECHMANS	465/0	NEXT	277/0
BET ORD	238/0	NTH FOODS	263/0
81CC PLC	339/0	P & O DFD	543/0
BLUE ARROW	98/0	PEARL	730/0
BLUE CIRC	426/0	PEARSON	223/0
BOC GP	389/4	PILKINGTON	154/0
BOOTS CO	238/0	PLESSET	833/0
BPM INDS	317/0	RACAL	211/0
BR CONN	278/0	RANK HWIS	347/0
BR AIRWAY	166/0	RAOY ORG	320/0
BR AEROSP	364/4	RCKITT+CO	813/0
BR GAS PP	139/0	REDLAND	420/0
B.P.	255/0	REED	403/0
B.P.-NEW	76/0	RYL BK SC	335/0
BR TELCOM	238/4	RMC GRP	445/0
BRITTOIL	475/0	REUTERS	515/0
BUNZL	164/0	R72 CORP.	355/0
BURMAN OL	242/0	RTLS ROY.	133/0
BURTON	480/0	ROTHMAN B	408/0
CABLEWJR	354/0	ROUTINEE	446/0
CADBURYS	240/0	ROTAL INS	407/0
COATS VIY	320/0	SAATCHI	432/0
COM UNI	267/0	SAINSBURY	228/0
CONS GOLD	805/0	SCOT+HUE	222/0
COOKSONS	340/0	SEARS	128/0
COURTAULD	320/0	SEDEGWICK	225/0
DALGETT	318/0	SHELL	045/0
DEE CP	192/0	SMITH+NEPH	140/0
OIXONS	194/0	STD. CHART	529/0
ENG CHINA	390/0	STC	232/4
ENTER OIL	305/0	STOREHSE	256/0
FERRANTI	78/0	SUN ALLIA	848/0
FISONS	262/0	TARMAC	233/0
GEN ALEC	840/0	TATE<L	795/0
GEN ELEC	154/0	TESCO	157/0
GLAXO	012/0	THORN ENI	566/0
GRAND	332/0	TSF HSE	325/0
GLOBE	136/0	TRAB	114/2
GRAND MET	451/0	T + N	180/0
GUS A	105/0	TRUTHSE	220/0
GUARULO RY	862/0	UT TRAH	449/0
GCKN	313/0	UNIVERSE	293/0
GUTHINNESS	280/0	UTGATE	293/0
HUMPHREY A	520/0	UTD BISC	274/0
HANSON	129/0	UTD MVSPP	435/0
HARKER SID	474/0	WELLCOKE	404/0
HAMILLET	105/0	WHBRD IN	287/0
HILLSDOWN	292/0	WILLIS FB	225/0
		WORTH	270/0

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
A.B. ELECT	360/0	357/0
APV PLC	125/0	125/0
AARLSON	125/0	125/0
AAH HOLG	305/0	304/0
ADISON 6	95/0	95/0
ADVEST GP	287/0	286/0
ATLSA	145/0	143/0
ALEX WKIAN	178/0	178/0
ALLS ALL	789/0	790/0
ALLO COLL	129/0	130/0
ALLO PALL	54/0	55/0
AMAR PLC	154/0	153/0
AMER PLC	351/0	351/0
AMER THUS	115/0	116/0
AMERASH	478/0	479/0
ANGLIA TV	411/0	415/0
ANSBACHER	68/0	68/0
U-APP HOL	331/0	332/0
APP-APP	345/0	343/0
ARICOST	108/0	108/0
ARMSTRONG	143/0	143/0
ANGLO O'S	399/0	400/0
ARJUS. A.	85/0	85/0
AUSA	116/0	116/0
ATCO	285/0	287/0
ATTHOODS	248/0	250/0
AVIS EUR	304/0	304/0
AVUS RUBB	619/0	620/0
B&G INTL	60/0	60/0
BALL JAP	431/0	430/0
BANKER IT	69/0	69/0
BC OF SCO	573/0	572/0
BARKER OO	135/0	135/0
BARRT DEV	185/0	188/0
B.WEMMILL	157/0	158/0
BEJAM GP	185/0	185/0
BELHAVEN	44/0	44/0
BELLWAY	237/0	238/0
BENROSE	35/0	35/0
BENLOX HD	21/0	21/0
BENNETT	42/0	42/0
BENTLISH	769/0	768/0
BERSIFORD	335/0	336/0
BKRLY SH	288/0	290/0
BKRLY SH	288/0	290/0
BLCK LC BY	20/0	20/0
BOASE HAS	259/0	257/0
BODDINGTO	149/0	148/0
BOOKER PL	385/0	385/0
BORTHWICK	55/0	55/0
BONATER	373/0	373/0
BONHORPE	192/0	194/0
BRAMMER	230/0	230/0
BREAST CIE	177/0	177/0
BREAST CIE	177/0	177/0
BRIDON	151/0	151/0
BRITANICR	010/0	010/0
BR ASSETS	68/0	68/0
BR.LND CO	264/0	264/0
BR VITA	445/0	445/0
BRITVON F	255/0	256/0

BUCKLEY	186/0	187/0	NICKSON	11	355
BURKNER HP	149/0	148/0	HIGGS+HIL	14	154
BURGESS	230/0	228/0	H'LAND_OIS	85	88
U-CPU COM	90/0	90/0	U-HOSSON	48	45
CALEDONIA	339/0	340/0	HOGG GARD	252	252
CALOR GEP	565/0	550/0	HOGG TST	154	154
CANNON ST	274/0	275/0	HOLMES PR	97	97
CAP GROUP	212/2	212/0	HOWDEN GR	114	114
CAP_RADIO	191/0	191/0	U-HUGHES	100	100
CARADON	292/0	290/0	J8STK_JSE	178	178
CARLO EN	167/0	168/0	ICE_FZ,F	308	308
CARLESS C	109/0	109/0	IMRY INTL	375	375
CARLTON C	668/0	670/0	INCACHE	681	681
CATER ALL	345/0	345/0	INOPNDT	11	11
CENTL ITV	534/0	533/0	INOPNDT W	11	11
CHATER CN	306/0	306/0	INT_BU.CW	11	11
CHARTHERA	29/0	29/0	INVDON_DS	214	214
CHLORIDE	60/0	61/0	INVSFR_C	320	320
CHRISTIES	475/0	475/0	INT_CTT.HS	195	195
CHAS.CHUR	111/0	112/0	JNSN.MATN	258	258
U-CIFER	20/0	21/0	KALON	394	394
U-CLUFF	107/0	107/0	KENDT.BRK	277	277
CLYDE PET	127/0	128/0	KELSON	7	7
COALITE	324/0	325/0	KLMTW	334	334
COATES BR	374/0	372/0	KLEIH OS	112	112
CASE GP	56/0	57/0	KMKFIT M	187	187
CHADWICK	459/0	459/0	KUTSKAS C	289	289
W COLLINS A	459/0	455/0	U-KALICE	302	302
CNTRL_SCR	49/0	49/0	LO_INT.G	282	282
COLOROLL	236/0	236/0	LAIRO GP	223	223
COLORS FR	260/0	260/0	LAIING(JP)	303	303
CI GROUP	42/0	43/0	LAIING(JJA)	303	303
COSTAIN G	272/0	272/0	LAIING PRO	389	389
CAMTORS A	90/0	90/0	LAMONT HD	256	256
COMIE (T)	114/0	113/0	LANDLEISU	282	282
CREST NIC	201/0	202/0	LARNCE CW	116	116
CRODA INT	196/0	196/0	LEIGH INT	190	190
CROWTHER	114/0	113/0	LES SERV	293	293
CRYSTAL	153/0	153/0	LILLEY-FJ	43	43
DARES EST	33/0	33/0	LOGICA	280	280
DAVIDSON	213/0	212/0	LOM+H+THR	97	97
DE LA RUE	412/2	412/0	LOM+HCHT	298	298
DELTA GP	264/0	265/0	LOM TST	154	154
U-DEWEY W	99/0	97/0	LOM INV	33	33
DRG CLP	390/0	390/0	LASMO QP	158	158
DIPLOMA	193/0	192/0	LOM_UTD.J	196	196
ORATTON J	828/0	820/0	LOVELL HD	226	226
DRAYTON C	440/0	440/0	LINTON P&	338	338
DUNHILL	165/0	165/0	LOM+SNAR	197	197
EAGLE TST	18/2	18/0	LOM-QW	573	573
EAST TS RF	18/0	17/6	LOWE HOME	347	347
U-EALING	55/0	55/0	LTD HDGS	145	145
EDIN AMER	102/0	102/0	M-K GROUP	273	273
EDIN IT	150/0	150/0	M.H.E. ELEC	688	688
U-ELDRGE	337/0	338/0	NACTHY+STN	469	469
ELECTRA I	193/0	193/0	HCLN_GLVN	583	583
ELECTROH	188/0	188/0	MOONIE PL	312	312
ELEC RIGHT	98/0	98/0	MHSFO.BW	460	460
ELIS EWA	199/0	199/0	MHSFO	460	460
EMAP PLP	171/0	200/0	MARLEY	145	145
ELLIS COL	65/0	65/0	MTSTN.THQ	115	115
EMPIRE ST	240/0	239/0	MATTHEWS	86	86
ETAM	277/0	278/0	MEHEC (MEC	177	177
EURON	321/0	320/0	MEZIES JC	363	363
EUROTN RG	240/0	241/0	MERCHT.TS	140	140
EURO W RG	15/0	15/0	U-MRYDAN	380	380

155/5	RATNERS	240/240	240/240
315/0	RHP GROUP	197/0	197/0
86/0	RODRIN PLC	438/451	437/0
48/0	READECT	70/0	71/0
152/0	REED ORD	343/345	345/0
25/0	REED WA	209/211	211/0
114/0	REFUGER BR	455/455	455/0
97/0	REGALION	153/155	155/0
101/0	REHNSHAM	169/168	168/0
180/0	RENOLD	55/4	56/0
308/0	RENTKILSK	183/185	185/0
682/0	RENTONSON	449/450	450/0
39/0	ROCKMARE	75/0	74/0
12/0	ROTHSCHILD	150/152	152/0
112/0	R-UFY	175/176	176/0
215/0	RUMFEE	294/297	297/0
320/0	RUBERDIO	152/151	151/0
194/0	RGRY. P.A.C.	255/256	256/0
258/0	SAGA HOLCS	176/175	175/0
38/0	SALVEGEN	135/136/0	136/0
275/0	SAVIG	64/0	64/0
77/0	SAVVO WA	77/0	77/0
334/0	SCAPA GRP	224/224	224/0
114/0	SCOT. E.A.T.	121/120	120/0
188/0	SCOT. N.H.S	160/160	160/0
31/0	SCOT. INT	357/0	357/0
284/0	SCOT. MET.	66/0	66/0
222/0	SCOT. MORT	98/0	97/0
305/0	SCOT. NAT C	47/0	47/0
390/0	SCOT. NAT I	89/4	89/0
257/0	SCOT. NAT W	73/0	73/0
284/0	SCOD. A.L.	709/0	710/0
116/0	SEC. T. SCD	101/0	100/0
191/0	SW-SELECT	20/0	20/0
299/0	UN-UNFV.G	52/0	52/0
43/0	UN-UNFV.G	33/0	33/0
297/0	SINGER ENG	245/245	246/0
280/0	SIX GROUP	73/0	73/0
155/0	ST-STR BUS	310/0	310/0
34/0	SLOUGH ES	248/248	248/0
155/0	SMITH O	357/358	358/0
195/0	SMITH W-B	316/317	317/0
226/0	SMITHS IN	64/0	64/0
197/0	SMITHS IN	235/235	235/0
570/0	SOV. O-GAS	115/115	115/0
347/0	SPONG LRD	18/0	18/0
272/0	SPR-SPARC	192/192	192/0
67/0	SPURX HL	178/178	178/0
275/0	STAKIS	430/428/0	428/0
470/0	STAMP	97/0	97/0
340/0	STANLEY	196/196	196/0
47/0	STAVT. IWO	167/0	167/0
583/0	STAVT. IWO	156/0	156/0
460/0	STAVT. WRT	323/323	323/0
508/0	STORMWAG	618/0	618/0
116/0	TV. SV. HLD	13/0	13/0
86/0	TVLR. JAND	72/0	73/0
116/0	TELE. SOUT	389/389	389/0
136/0	T-THD AVT	350/348	348/0
139/0	TIE RACK	141/142	142/0
380/0	TI GROUP	343/344	344/0
139/0	TIME PROF	163/163	163/0
380/0	TELEMETRI	34/0	34/0

NAME	OPEN	MIG-DATA
A BSCH COM	32/2	32/2
ATLANTIC R	74/7	74/3
AAR CORP	17/7	17/7
AETHA LIFE	49/6	49/5
ALASKA AIR	15/0	14/7
ALCAM ALUM	24/2	24/4
ALCO STAND	21/4	21/4
AM CAP SEC	24/0	24/1
AMER CTANA	45/4	45/1
AM FAMILY	13/5	13/6
AM HOM PRO	78/2	77/6
AM STORES	54/5	54/7
AMER T T	29/6	29/7
AMAX	15/7	16/1
AMOCO CP	73/2	73/2
AMP INC	45/7	45/7
AMPCO PITT	14/1	14/3
AMR CORP	36/3	36/6
AMR GEN CO	33/7	33/4
ANDREA HES	26/3	26/3
ANTHON ELL	9/5	9/6
APACHE CP	7/7	8/0
APACHE PET	4/4	4/4
ARMO INC	70/3	70/2
ASARCO INC	20/2	20/2
ASHLD OIL	56/2	56/5
ATLS CORP	29/0	29/4
AVERY INT	21/2	21/4
AVNET INC	24/6	24/5
AVON PRODS	25/1	25/1
BELL ATLAN	72/3	72/2
BCE INC	29/4	29/3
BELL-HOU	61/3	61/1
BETH STEEL	15/3	16/3
BETH CO	5/7	5/7
BK BK	6/0	6/0
BK BOSTON	26/2	26/2
BK BK STN-A	0	50/2
BK H-N-YORK	29/0	29/1
BK BK TR-NY	38/3	35/1
BANK-AMER	8/3	8/3
BANKAM SPEC	7/4	7/4
BOEING	46/0	46/0
BOISE CASC	40/4	40/3
BORDEN	51/0	51/0
BORG-WARNR	0	45/3
BOWATER	29/2	29/2
BR TELECOM	42/2	42/2
BRIGGS-STR	27/0	27/2
BRIST-MYER	43/4	43/7
BRUNSWICK	17/4	17/4
BURNID CP	14/4	14/3
C 3 INC	11/0	11/0
CABOT CORP	32/0	32/0
CAESARS MO	22/2	22/0
CAROLI FIRE	20/1	20/1
CAS NAT GS	14/2	14/2
CAST-COOKLE	19/5	19/3
CATERPILLA	57/4	57/4
CRJ TWO	20/0	20/3
CBS	157/3	157/2
CENTEL CP	39/1	39/1
CENTRO DAT	2/3	2/3

GEN WILLES	49/1	1
GENL MOTOR	64/4	64
GEN SIGNAL	21/0	20
GENCOB	4/2	2
GENCORP	7/3	4
GENRAD INC	7/4	4
GEN INTL	4/3	4
GEORGI-PAC	35/3	35
GERBR SCIE	15/3	15
GILET	3/1	35
GLOBAL MAR	1/5	1
GOLDEN NUG	10/0	10
GOLDIRICH	4/0	40
GOODYEAR	58/7	58
GOULD INC	11/1	11
GRACE WR	5/6	25
GRANIER	24/6	25
GREYBOUND	2/5	27
GROLIER	10/1	10
GROHEIM	19/4	19
GULF RES-C	7/3	7
GULF-WESTN	13/0	12
HALLIBURTO	20/0	29
HALLIBURTO	15/3	15
HARRIS MIN	19/7	19
HARRIS CP	27/0	27
HARTWARY	24/0	24
HECLA MIN	12/2	12
HELIENBUR	60/2	60
HEINZ HJ	34/4	39
HEL CURTIS	26/7	23
HELM-PAYNE	20/3	20
HERCULES	48/6	48
HESSTON O	3	3
HEWLE-PACK	54/7	54
HIMMELBRO	36/2	36
HILTIENBRO	25/5	25
HILTM HTLS	75/6	75
HILTM HTLS	95/6	95
HOMERAKE	14/1	14
HINDT-NASTA	15/2	15
HOLIDAY C	24/2	24
HONDA GEPOT	19/2	19
HONDA FED S	25/5	25
HONDA MOTOR	105/7	106
HONEYWELL	62/3	62
HOUGHITT M	26/7	26
HOUSTON IN	35/3	33
HUGHES SUP	21/6	21
HUMANA INC	21/6	21
HUTTON EF	29/4	29
IBM	109/5	109
ICI INDUST	32/7	32
INC PHARMA	7/2	7
IND PAC CO	24/3	24
INDCO LTD	17/7	17
INGRESS-RA	35/6	35
INTL MINER	43/3	43
JORNISM-JMS	78/2	77
K MART CP	37/7	32
KAISER ALM	10/0	10
KELLOGG	55/1	55
KERR-MCGEE	35/3	35
KESTSTONE	15/7	16
KIDBE INC	0	63
KIMB-CLARK	52/1	52
KLA R D AI	15/0	15
KRAFT INC	56/5	56

NEW PLA RE	14/0	14/0	SHELL	74/1	74/5
NEWELL CO	32/3	32/4	SHERRI PLUG	52/0	51/7
NEWUM NT	31/5	32/2	SHERW-VILL	28/4	28/4
NEWMONT GLD	32/6	34/4	SINGER CO	49/5	49/4
NITOR INC	25/7	25/6	SMITH INT	6/6	6/6
NI INOS	6/3	6/4	SMITH BEC	55/7	56/1
NOBLE AFF	13/2	13/2	SONY CP	36/1	36/3
NORD RESOU	7/6	7/6	SOURCE CAP	36/4	36/2
NORTHROP	32/1	32/1	SOUTHERN	23/1	23/1
NORTON	43/0	43/1	SPEARY CP	13/3	13/3
NOVO IND	24/4	23/6	SQUARE D	52/0	51/6
NULCOR CORP	38/3	38/1	SQTBB	63/2	63/5
OAK INOS	1/1	1/1	STALEY AE	88/4	88/4
OCCIDENTAL	26/4	26/3	STERL ORG	54/6	54/6
OCEAN DRIL	17/6	17/4	SUN CO INC	44/4	44/2
OGDEH CORP	28/5	28/6	SUNSTRANO	3/6	3/6
OH ED CO	20/7	20/7	SUNSHINE M	19/1	19/1
OHIO NATT	15/2	15/2	SUPER VAL	15/1	15/2
OLIN CORP	41/5	41/7	SV AIRLINE	23/1	23/2
OMNICARE	7/0	7/1	SW GAS	37/6	37/5
ORION PICT	15/1	16/2	YANDY CORP	23/7	23/4
PAINE WEB	15/1	15/1	TECO ENERG	23/7	23/7
PAN AN W A	2/7	3/0	TEKTRONIX	33/4	33/4
PANHANDLE	25/2	25/4	TELEVOYE	310/0	310/1
PARK ELECT	14/6	15/0	TELEX CORP	49/0	49/4
PARKER DRI	3/0	3/0	TESORO PET	12/7	13/0
PARKER HAN	33/7	33/7	TEX AMER B	4/3	4/3
PATRICK PET	3/7	3/7	TEX ASE TR	25/7	25/7
PATLSS CSH	12/7	12/7	TECACO INC	36/4	37/6
PULLMAN CO	5/6	5/5	TEXAS IND	30/5	30/6
PC INDG-90	0	9/10	TEXAS INST	44/5	44/6
PENN CENTR	42/4	42/2	TEKTRON	24/2	24/1
PENNEY JC	42/0	42/0	TIDEMASTER	5/6	5/6
PENNZOIL	17/7	18/1	TIGER INT	10/7	10/6
PEOPLES EN	34/0	34/2	TIGER INC	86/0	86/0
PEPSICO	23/6	23/2	TIME INCOR	60/6	60/6
PEPIN-ELM	53/3	53/3	TIMKEN	28/7	28/7
PHILIPS DOD	34/0	34/4	TORCHMARK	2/1	2/2
PHILIP MOR	88/6	88/6	TOSCO CORP	32/6	32/5
PHILIPS PE	14/2	14/1	TOYS R US	32/5	32/4
PILLSBURY	36/1	36/1	TRANSMER	23/5	23/5
PINNACLE W	29/0	28/7	TRANSCO EN	24/1	24/2
PITN-BOMES	37/5	36/1	TRANSCO EX	6/4	6/4
PITTSO	10/4	10/3	TRAVELLERS	38/6	38/6
PNC FINANC	43/2	43/1	TRINITY IN	25/5	25/5
POLAROID	26/0	25/6	TU CORP	14/7	14/5
PRIME CORP	15/2	15/6	TWA	19/7	20/0
PRIME JNNS	36/2	36/0	U PACIFIC	56/0	55/6
PRIMERICA	28/0	28/3	UTO BRAND	43/6	43/7
PROCTER G	84/5	83/7	UTO TECH	38/1	38/3
PUEBLO INT	24/0	24/6	UNILEVER	57/4	57/5
PULTE HOME	9/4	9/3	UNION CAMP	33/4	33/5
QUAKER OAT	43/0	43/0	UNION CARB	20/7	20/1
QUAKER COR	19/7	19/7	US SHOE	15/1	15/1
QUANTUM CH	70/0	70/2	USX CORP	30/6	30/6
RALS PURIM	68/6	69/0	US WEST	33/6	33/6
RANGER OIL	6/3	6/4	USAIR GRP	33/4	33/7
RAYCHEM	44/3	44/3	VALERO EN	4/5	4/5
RAYMARK	6/6	6/6	VALLEY INT	0	2/3
RAYTHEON	66/2	66/3	VARCO INTL	4/4	4/4
REGAL INTL	.14	.14	VARCO ASSS	25/2	25/2
REYNOLD ME	36/2	36/4	W UNION	2/7	2/7
RJR NABISC	48/6	48/1	W PNT PET	27/4	27/4
			WAINCO OIL	5/6	5/6

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-QATS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YP
FT 300 ORD	1413.2	1420.1	1423.1	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	0	1000.4	1001.4	957.6
FT ALL SHR	0	9.22	10.31	870.22
FT GSV SEC	0	89.35	89.17	88.49
FT GOLD MN	0	257.3	252.8	302.1
FT MINES F	0	420.90	419.49	450.65
FT OIL	0	1764.4	1782.9	1663.6
FT MLD OLR	117.48	117.93	17.93	115.04
FT MLD STG	98.40	98.78	98.78	90.79
FT MLD LOC	104.57	104.82	104.82	99.08

U.K. STOCKS ABOVE LOWS IN LATE BUSINESS
LONDON, FEB 3 - SHARES STRUGGLED BACK FROM THEIR LOWS AFTER WALL STREET RECOVERED FROM AN OPENING SELL-OFF ON UNCONFINED REPORTS OF A POSSIBLE NUCLEAR ACCIDENT IN THE SOVIET UNION.
UP UNTIL MIDSESSION SHARES HAD BEEN DULL, DRIFTING ON LACK OF SUPPORT WITH INVESTORS UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE OUTLOOK FOR U.K. AND U.S. INTEREST RATES, DEALERS SAID. BRITISH BASE LENDING RATES ROSE 1/2 POINT TO NINE PCT ON MONDAY WHILE U.S. PRIME RATES WERE CUT ONE POINT TO 8-3/4 PCT ON TUESDAY.
BY 1551 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX HAD RECOVERED TO BE 11 POINTS DOWN AT 1,763.4 AFTER THE LOW OF 1,756.9 ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AFTER THE 1430 GMT WALL STREET STOCK MARKET OPENING.
DEALERS SAID YESTERDAY'S PRIME RATE CUT BY MAJOR U.S. BANKS SHOULD BOOY BULL FOR THE LONDON STOCKS AS IT TAKES SOME OF THE UPWARD PRESSURE OFF RATES HERE. HOWEVER, MANY INVESTORS FEEL THE U.K. AUTHORITIES MAY RAISE INTEREST RATES AGAIN IF INFLATION LOOKS AS IF IT IS GAINING A FOOTHOLD.
GOLD SHARES STOOD OUT WITH HEAVY LOSSES, AS THE BULLION PRICE SLIPPED TO ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE JULY LAST YEAR. FIVE DLRS WERE SLICED OFF THE PRICE OF PRODUCER VAL REFES AT 86-7/4.
DEALERS SAID SELLING OF GOLD BY SWISS INVESTORS APPEARED TO TRIGGER THE BULLION DECLINE. THIS WAS THEN ACCELERATED BY STOPLOSS SELLING AND FORCED LONG POSITION LIQUIDATION.

LONDON, FEB 3 - GOLD BULLION DRIFTED BACK FROM MID-AFTERNOON LEVELS TO FINISH AT 443.50/444.00 DLRS AN OUNCE, ITS LOWEST CLOSING LEVEL SINCE EARLY JULY LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, THIS WAS JUST ABOVE THE DAY'S LOW OF 441/442 DLRS AN OUNCE REACHED AFTER THE WEAK OPENING ON NEW YORK FUTURES.

THE METAL HAD OPENED AT 454.00/454.50 DLRS, TWO DLRS DOWN ON TUESDAY'S CLOSE, BUT RAN INTO SWISS TRADE SELLING, DEALERS SAID.

THIS IN TURN HAD TRIGGERED HEAVY PROFESSIONAL STOP LOSS SELLING AND LONG LIQUIDATION, AND SENTIMENT WAS WEAKENED WHEN SUPPORT AT 445 DLRS WAS BROKEN, DEALERS SAID.

LONDON, FEB 3 - MONEY RATES ENDED 1/16 POINT LOWER WHERE CHANGED, EXTENDING THE FALLS WHICH FOLLOWED NEWS OF U.S. PRIME RATE CUTS YESTERDAY. BUT TRADING WAS QUIETER TODAY, DEALER SAID. THE REACTION TO THE PRIME RATE REDUCTIONS CONTINUED TO PUZZLE SOME DEALERS, SINCE THE U.K. AUTHORITIES CLEARLY SOUGHT TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON DOMESTIC ECONOMIC TRENDS, WITH THE RISE IN BASE RATES ENGINEERED ON MONDAY. HOWEVER, THE WIDER GAP WHICH HAS NOW OPENED UP BETWEEN U.S. AND U.K. INTEREST RATES HAS MADE STERLING MONEY MARKET INSTRUMENTS MORE ATTRACTIVE, AND DEALERS REPORTED REASONABLE DEMAND FOR BILLS AND CO'S TODAY, LEAVING RATES SLIGHTLY LOWER.

	OLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
OLR	1.7640/50	1.7675/80	1.6860/70	5.6895/15	OPEN
DMK	1.7640/50		2.9800/9835	10.0510/0640	NOON
STG	1.6855/6935	2.975/989		29.565/725	FIX
FFR	5.690/704	10.0480/0660	337.100/700		FIX
HFL	1.3775/3785	2.4308/4337	81.53/64	26.20/24	1300
HFL	1.8950	5.3475	112.31	33.285	FIX
ECU	1.22473	0.695313	2.06612	6.97117	NOON
SDR	1.35971	0.772563	2.29682	7.74899	CLSE
TEN	128.37/47	226.42/74	-----	-----	NOON
SDR RATES		02/02/1988	OTHERS	03/02/1988	

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	244.0	243.4	247.3	259.3
AUSTRIA	199.4	198.8	197.2	215.4
BELGIUM	286.2	283.5	283.0	260.2
CANADA	336.9	336.0	338.3	350.7
DENMARK	354.2	356.1	353.7	336.6
FRANCE	268.6	262.3	258.1	288.5
GERMANY	148.6	147.9	145.6	156.6
HONG KONG	1620.9	1654.3	1690.1	1644.3
ITALY	354.8	362.0	367.3	377.4
JAPAN	1128.9	1136.1	1132.9	1022.3
MEXICO	0	2653.5	2653.5	5476.3
NETHERLANDS	224.1	228.1	224.2	215.9
NORWAY	395.3	400.4	394.6	392.4
SINGAPORE	499.2	505.2	513.7	473.1
SPAIN	223.9	228.8	227.9	209.5
SWEDEN	783.1	791.7	793.93	697.3
SWITZ	143.0	143.7	141.4	140.7
U.K.	536.7	537.0	539.4	515.7
U.S.A.	237.1	236.7	234.8	229.4
WORLD	414.4	413.8	417.2	408.0
E.A.F.E.	764.5	763.6	770.1	757.5
EUROPE	345.1	344.3	346.3	362.0

For further details contact,
Arab Times Advertising Department 4816326/7.

	LAST	CHANGE	HIGH	LOW
IND	1,960.05	+ 7.13	1,965.85	1,941.98
TRANS	772.57	+ 1.43	774.86	767.57
UTILS	187.77	- 1.00	188.77	186.52
STOCKS	732.51	+ 1.29	734.31	726.98
NYSE COMP	144.06	+ 0.45		
S-P COMPOSITE	256.45	+ 0.88		
NYSE INDS	171.04	+ 0.70		
AMEX INDEX	270.72	+ 0.58		
NASD COMP	347.85	+ 0.66		
NASD BANKING	431.22	+ 0.77		
NASD FIN'L	446.63	+ 1.86		
NASD INDS	345.07	- 0.01		
S-P 100 INDEX	244.77	+ 0.96		

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
AMER ELEC	29	3/8	- 1/8	DANSON OIL	1/8	+	1/16
SUN CO	58	1/2	+ 3/4	TELEPHONE	6 1/4	-	1/8
GEN MOTORS	65	1/2	+ 1/8	ECHO BAY	17 1/2	-	1
MIDWEST EC	10	1/2	- 3/8	BOMESCO	10 3/8	+	1/2
VARITT CP	2	+	1/8	NASRO INC	14	+	1/8
FED STRS	52	+	3/4	ANDALH CP	31 5/8	-	1/8
IBM	111	1/4	+ 1/8	CARE ENT A	3/8	-	1/8
WISCONSIN	25	1/4	UNCH	FIRST UNO	13 3/4	+	1/4
CEN SO WST	33	-	1/4	DATAPROD	7 1/2	-	3/8
E II HOLD	16	3/4	UNCH	WESTERN DI	11 7/8	+	1/4
NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE				AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
LEAR PET.	2	1/2	+ 1/2	MCGREGOR	2 3/8	+	3/8
GEN OEVEL	15	1/8	+ 2 5/8	GUNDLE ENV	18 3/8	+	2 1/8
ROMAN	7	+	7/8	MICHAELS	4 1/4	+	3/8
WESTERN S&	9	5/8	- 7/8	PATIENT T	2 1/8	-	1/4
DATAPOINT	4	1/8	- 3/8	WINSTON RE	2 5/8	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	130,652,700			AMEX VOLUME	4,991,600		
STOCKS UP	724			STOCKS UP	235		
STOCKS DOWN	439			STOCKS DOWN	160		
2-FEB- NASDAQ VOLUME 113,505,400							
8TQPS UP 1059 DOWN 1016							

NEW YORK, Feb 3: Stocks snapped back from a loss after it appeared that rumors of a Soviet nuclear accident had come from a test telex by the International Atomic Energy Agency. Earlier, the market sunk as the rumour depressed utility stocks and sluggish bonds caused interest rate worries.

The Dow Industrials jumped nine points to 1962. Advances led declines by a five to four margin on volume of 61 mln shares.

A source at the IAEA said there was no suggestion of a real accident.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REUTERS FINANCIAL SERVICES

ALFMAP

(Switzerland) said. (RTUM 1314).

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	4-13/16	5-5/16
3 months	4-5/8	5-1/8
6 months	4-11/16	5-3/16

100%

IRBIO ELECTRICITY	0.96	0.97	ORIENT ORB BATTERY	0.25	0.25
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.10	2.10
J.PRESS FOUNDATION	3.30	3.20	PETRA ENTERPRISES	0.61	0.61
JERUSALEM INST.	1.34	1.28	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.50	0.50
JO TOBACCO COMPANY	13.20	13.00	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.69	0.69
JOR CEMENT FACT	1.00	1.00	PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.80	0.80
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.05	1.06	REAL ESTATE INV.	00.02	0.04
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05	SPINNING WEAVING	0.94	0.94
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.44	1.47	THE HOUSING BANK	1.58	1.58
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.26	UNITED INSURANCE	2.50	2.53
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.06	1.09	UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	1.76	1.76
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.72	0.72
JOR INDUSTRY CHAM.	1.43	1.50	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.22	1.21	YAMKOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.10

1998

STOCK	LT	BUY	SELL	LC-A	.51	.51	.52
AC-A	8.50	8.50	8.60	LC-B	.56	.56	.57
ANCSOR	4.75	4.75	4.80	PX-A	.52	.52	.53
FER	2.38	2.38		PX-B	.53	.52	.53
GLD	32.50	32.50	33.00	DI	SECTOR		
PLAT	150.00	150.00	151.00	BP-A	.016	.016	.017
PCIB	31.00	33.00		BP-B	.017	.016	.017
SNC-A	117.00	117.00	118.00	LRC-A		.0028	
SNC-B		133.00	136.00	LRC-B	.003	.003	.003
MINING	SECTOR			OPH-A	.1050	.10	.105
APX-A	.043	.045	.046	OPH-B	.1050	.1050	.11
APX-B	.046	.045	.047	OV-A	.046	.046	.047
AT-A	26.00	26.00	26.50	OV-B	.047	.047	.048
Makati Stock Market Report							
OFFICIAL INFORMATION							
SECTOR	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES			
COMM.-IND.	130,460	6,384,400	754.00	16.17	UP		
MINING	58,334,500	9,651,300	5,747.42	67.30	UP		
OIL	177,330,000	5,352,950	6.588	0.284	UP		
TOTAL	235,794,960	21,388,650	836.40	21.45	UP		

ZURICH

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE		
BAER HDGS	10400	10500	NESTLE I	8075 8075
BALDISE PS	1975	1925	NESTLE N	4020 4020
BBC PS	250.00	240.00	NESTLE PS	1275 1265
BK LEU I	2475	2450	OE BUEHR I	835 830
BK LEU N	0	2300	OE BUEHR N	210.00 210.00
BK LEU PS	410	395	OE BUEHR P	2100 2100
CFV	0	1120	ROCHE BARY	9700 9675
CIB GEIG I	2660	2660	ROCHE I	93000 94000
CIB GEIG N	1360	1350	RUECKVER I	11550 11550
CIB GEIG P	1795	1780	RUECKVER N	6250 6250
CKM	0	1250	RUECKVER P	1870 1875
CRED SUI I	2360	2365	S RT BK	955 965
CRED SUI N	462	468	S BNKSSL I	3025 3015
EG LAUFEN	0	1950	S BNKSSL N	595 590
ELEKTROWAT	2900	2900	S BNKSSL P	113.50 113.00
ENS CHEM I	2775	2775	S BNKVRN I	316 316
ENS CHEM P	0	0	S BNKVRN N	271 272
GLOBUS I	7000	7000	S BNKVRN P	275 274
GLOBUS N	0	6500	SANODZ I	12400 12250
GLOBUS PS	1075	1100	SANODZ N	4740 4770
JACOBS S I	7950	7925	SANODZ PS	1870 1850
JACOBS S N	1625	1600	SULZER N	3550 3475
JACOBS S P	680	668	SULZER PS	297 298
			SVB	267 268
			SWISSAIR	1645 1645
			SWISSAIR N	1020 1020
			W TNUR I	920 920
				5000 4975

Tokyo Stock Market Report

FOREIGN FUND MANAGERS ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE U.S. ECONOMY.
03-FE8-1203 SHK455

Singapore Stock Market Report

KD deposit rates ease

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate was firmer at 0.27520/30 to the dollar from

Currency rates

Egypt's economic growth slows

Advertise

For further details
contact,
Arab Times Advertising
4816326/7

Dollar firms slightly

Gold slumps on US slowdown worries

LONDON, Feb 3, (Reuters): Gold slumped today and the dollar moved higher as more traders said they felt indications of a slowing US economy diminished a risk of rising inflation.

The dollar got a brief mid-morning boost from market rumours — subsequently denied by an official Soviet spokesman — of a nuclear accident in the Soviet Union.

Norwegian government sources had suggested this afternoon before the Soviet denial that the rumours were sparked by dry-run test televisions containing the words "nuclear accident" sent between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna and the Geneva-based World Meteorological Organisation.

Declined
The IAEA told Reuters in Vienna some test messages in English had been transmitted but it could not confirm the Norwegian theory about the rumours and it declined to disclose exactly how the messages were presented.

Aspokesman did however, say that it was extremely unlikely the words "nuclear accident" would have appeared on an open communications circuit.

The rumours helped raise the dollar about three quarters of a penny and half a yen to highs of 1.6905 West German marks and 138.43 Japanese yen. But 90 minutes after the rumours first circulated, they were no longer a factor, dealers said.

The US currency steadied in late afternoon around 1.6875 marks and 128 yen.

Gold prices meanwhile, fell as much as \$12 an ounce in hectic trading to lows of \$444 an ounce. It was fixed in London on Tuesday afternoon at \$445.40.

"All the indicators are now shaping up to show a distinct slowdown in the US economy, which suggests we aren't going to see inflation," said John Harris, an analyst at London commodity brokers Rudolf Wolff and Co. Ltd.

Dealers in currencies, shares and precious metals said Tuesday's US government report that

its index of leading economic indicators was down for the third consecutive month pointed to slowing growth.

Safest

Investors who typically see gold as the safest haven when rising prices erode the value of cash now seem to have decided it is time to sell.

Dealers said Asian and Middle Eastern traders were heavy sellers today. That selling sparked off sales by speculators in Europe, especially in Switzerland.

Share prices, meanwhile, were mixed in thin and nervous trading. Wall Street shares eased in early trading, while London's FTSE 100 share index was down as much as 17.5 points to a mid-afternoon low of 1,756.9.

Tokyo's Nikkei 225-share index dipped 76.84 points, or 0.32 per cent, to 23,595.37.

Dealers said they were waiting for the outcome of a meeting in Washington today between US Treasury Secretary James Baker

and German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg. The meeting marked their first since October 19 when the US Treasury arranged a lightning visit by Baker to Bonn to try to calm a transatlantic war of words over West German economic policy and ease financial market jitters.

Results

The meeting failed to produce results. Within hours the disappointment helped to send the Dow Jones industrial average plunging 508 points, or 22.6 per cent, dragging other stock markets around the world down with it.

Slower US economic growth, such as that apparently being signalled by the economic indicators this week, could cut the massive US trade deficit, which has helped to halve the value of the dollar against the yen and the mark since early 1985.

But it makes most investments in the United States less attractive. That cuts demand for dollars.

Expectations that foreign

investors would be big buyers at the three-day, \$27 billion auction of US government bonds which started Tuesday had been propelling the dollar.

Slower

In bond markets around the world, the prospect of slower US economic growth is whetting investors' appetites for financing the US government's budget deficit.

Many expect interest rates will come down, hoisting bond prices.

Westcoast rose sharply, with Frankfurt's 30-share Boersen-Zeitung index closing 7.68 points or three per cent higher. Dealers said that many investors appear to be hanging on, and unwilling to sell at current levels.

Elsewhere, the Paris bourse indicator gained 2.52 points, Dutch and Swiss shares edged higher.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 55.96 points to 2,354.46, Singapore shares were mixed and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 7.8 points to 1,248.4.

Soviet writer advocates share system to raise industry

MOSCOW, Feb 3, (Reuters): A leading Soviet writer was quoted today as calling for a Western-style system of share-holding to raise money for industrial development and put to use millions of roubles (dollars) of public savings.

Nikolai Shmelev, who caused a stir last year by suggesting the Soviet Union should allow temporary unemployment, told the weekly Moscow News that some 260 million roubles (\$405 million) were at present idle in low-interest savings accounts while industry was crying out for finance.

Shmelev, a specialist writer in economics, has emerged as a leading proponent of reform under Mikhail Gorbachev. He holds no official post but is regarded as a member of Gorbachev's economic "think tank".

"If we allow enterprises to issue and sell the population to buy shares with a sufficiently high yield, then manufacturing companies and collective farms could mobilise in addition to their own resources tens of millions of roubles," Shmelev said.

He did not make clear whether he envisaged the establishment of a Soviet stock market or otherwise elaborate on the idea.

Share-holding is still relatively alien to Communist economic thinking although three enterprises in the Ukrainian city of Lvov have this year launched their own share schemes.

In two cases, factories have simply given their workers a financial stake in the business but, in the third instance, a market garden has offered shares to outside buyers as well.

Themes

In a wide-ranging interview on economic themes, Shmelev also said the Soviet Union be bolder in borrowing on world financial markets, called for radical price reforms and complained that taxes were too high on new joint ventures with foreign firms.

Meanwhile, a separate article in Moscow News called for more legal support for fledgling cooperative enterprises, saying many were overburdened by bureaucratic restrictions.

Burma seeking to rehabilitate oil fields

SINGAPORE, Feb 3, (AP): Burma hopes to rehabilitate its traditional oil fields in the Mann-Htaukshabin area of central Burma to raise output to 30,000 barrels of crude oil daily from the current output of 14,000 barrels, a Burmese official said yesterday.

Burma is seeking a loan from the Asian Development Bank to rehabilitate the fields, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity. He said the bank was conducting technical studies.

He said his country's aim was to export surplus crude oil. He added, however, that Burma's output of crude oil has been declining in the last two to three years. He gave no reason for the decline.

Burma received a loan of \$63 million last year from the World Bank for a \$120-million project to build pipelines for a natural gas project in Payagon of the delta region, he told reporters.

Six or seven foreign companies now are exploring for oil in Burma, he added, but declined to give details.

The official, in Singapore to attend an oil conference, said Singapore would be able to sell pipes, machinery and other equipment of the proposed gas and oil projects.

Crisis in US stock markets is over, says Fed chief

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (UPI): Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan says the crisis in America's stock markets is over for now, but new troubles could arise if the government doesn't move quickly to reform the system.

"Although it appears that acute crisis has passed, markets remain quite sensitive and could react strongly to developments that seemed to portend more market instability," Greenspan told the Senate Banking Committee yesterday.

He said the Federal Reserve Board agreed in principle with the analysis of the crash in a report released last month by the presidential Brady Commission.

Idea

The securities and exchange chairman, David Ruder, was expected to testify on these broader issues before the Senate Banking Committee later today.

The Fed does not support the Brady panel's proposal that

would give it overriding jurisdiction over regulation of the nation's securities markets.

Such jurisdiction might give investment firms the idea the Fed would use its "discount window," through which it lends banks money at lower-than-market rates, to bail them out.

Based on that perception, these firms might take imprudent risks, endangering the system, he said.

Greenspan endorsed in principle the Brady Commission's call for "circuit breakers" such as price limits as a way of "slowing things down when market conditions become hectic and threaten to get out of control."

But he warned, "ad hoc methods for closing markets should be avoided, as a reliance on such methods is likely to encourage rumours of closing and add to market confusion."

The Fed will present Congress with its recommendations in March, Greenspan said.

Earlier in the day, Nicholas

Brady backed his panel's recommendations, telling the committee the Fed is the one agency with expertise to handle the job.

Brady said another Black Monday was not imminent, but Congress should take immediate action to reform the system. "We are looking down the barrel, and the gun is still loaded," he said.

In a related development, the SEC staff suggested changes in the regulation of computerized stock-index futures in a report on the crash and proposed a variety of methods to reduce volatility in US financial markets.

The SEC report concluded stock-index futures used in programme trading, while not the sole cause of the crash, created a negative psychology in the market and were a significant factor in "accelerating and exacerbating" the decline.

Liquidity
The report said the functioning and liquidity of US financial markets were damaged by the crash and that overall volatility

has increased since Black Monday.

It recommended a number of steps, such as raising margin requirements on futures, to keep investors from overextending themselves and creating the environment for the panic selling on crash day.

The report also said while the trading system came under extreme strain during the market meltdown, it functioned adequately as a whole.

Nevertheless, there were breakdowns, with some market-makers and firms failing to act responsibly and the trading system becoming clogged with a deluge of orders, it said.

The Brady report, released three weeks ago, concluded the nation's stock and commodities markets have become increasingly linked, and that the government does not have the regulatory framework in place to handle a sudden collapse in the markets, which tends to feed on each other.

US factory orders up 2.5pc

WASHINGTON, Feb 3, (Reuters): Orders for US manufactured goods rose by 2.5 per cent in December, the largest increase since last March, the Commerce Department said today.

The December increase was well within expectations of financial analysts who said they had expected a moderate rise in orders. Excluding orders for defence goods, which vary widely from month to month, factory orders rose 2.7 per cent.

The department said that in 1987 factory orders rose on a non-seasonally adjusted basis by 7.3 per cent to \$2.44 trillion, after declining by 0.6 per cent in 1986.

The 1987 rise was the best gain since 1984 when orders went up

by 9.3 per cent. Commerce Department officials said.

The December rise should be good news for Republicans who are fighting to retain control of the White House in the November elections. The most recent government economic data pointed to the possibility of a significant economic slowdown in the early part of 1988 after a robust growth level in 1987.

The December rise in factory orders brought the total to a seasonally adjusted \$214.77 billion, the department said.

The December rise in orders followed a slight 0.1 per cent increase in November and was the largest monthly orders increase since March, when orders also rose by 2.5 per cent.

Orders for expensive durable

goods rose in December by 4.9 per cent to \$116.41 billion after declining by 0.1 per cent in November. On January 26, the department said in a preliminary report that December durable goods orders had risen 6.7 per cent from November.

The department said the rise in durable goods orders was widespread. One of the best increases was a 10.3 per cent gain in December transportation equipment orders.

Orders for non-durable goods fell in December by 0.3 per cent after rising 0.4 per cent in November.

Defence capital goods orders, which includes items like ships and tanks, dropped 3 per cent to \$9.44 billion in December after falling 2.6 per cent in November.

Kuwait to host investment seminar

PARIS, Feb 3, (Kuna): A seminar on Kuwait's investment opportunities in France will be held next March in Kuwait according to an agreement between the two parties.

Head of the Kuwaiti-French Friendship Association Eva Gena announced here today that the Kuwaiti-French joint committee, which met during the French Finance Minister Eduard Balladur's visit to Kuwait last month, had agreed in principle to organise such a financial seminar in Kuwait on March 8.

He added that the French-Kuwaiti Bank is expected to take part in the seminar which will be supervised by Kuwait's Minister of Finance Jassem Al-Khorafi.

The seminar, which was organised by the Baghdad-based Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (Aoid), was also addressed by Iraqi Minister of Light Industries Haidar Abdur Rashid who said that the organisation had formed a technical team to update the studies made on the proposed petrochemical ventures in cooperation with specialised institutions and companies.

The minister's address was read on his behalf by a representative of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapex). He said the Aoid was now engaged in preparing a regional programme in support of petrochemical industries in conjunction with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (Unido) and UN Development Programme.

Meanwhile, the ministerial committee of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Investment and Development met here today to explore avenues of cooperation with Sudan in removing obstacles impeding success of the organisation's programmes.

The committee, assigned by shareholders of the Sudan-based organisation, was also set to discuss the investment activities of the organisation and what Sudan can offer in that connection.

Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al-Khorafi, president of the shareholders council, headed the meeting which was held on the fringe of the 44th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council which began here today.

Evans Economics, said claims for jobless insurance have risen by 100,000 over the past two months and that suggested a recession was already under way.

"This will be mild one," Evans said. "I think the economy will turn up in the fourth quarter, just after the election."

Major US banks began lowering prime rates — the favoured prices offered to top corporate customers — a quarter point to 8.5 per cent shortly after the report on the steady decline in leading indicators.

US-Soviet joint ventures off to slow, uncertain start

BOSTON, Feb 3, (Reuters): The Kremlin has launched a high-pressure campaign to seal joint ventures with US firms, but the initiative faces economic and political barriers in both countries, US businessmen and a Soviet official said.

Last August Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev made joint ventures with Western firms a pillar of his policy of perestroika, or restructuring, hoping the cooperative enterprises would bring new technology to the Soviet Union and boost exports.

Expertise

"The theory is that a mix of Western expertise and capital, with Soviet participation and even control, yields improved efficiency and quality and... such ventures hold the potential for export earnings," Myron Laserson, senior managing director of Continental Grain Company, told a conference on Soviet agriculture at Harvard University on Monday.

For American businessmen, the huge Soviet market represents "the last great frontier," said Anthony King, a vice president of Babson Brothers, a dairy equipment manufacturer. The Soviet Union is considering about 250 joint venture

proposals, including some 50 from the United States, senior Soviet Trade Representative Albert Melnikov said in Washington. He said 25 letters of intent with various companies had already been signed.

System

"Mikhail Gorbachev has told the leaders of the Russian system that it is essential that they have a number of successful, agricultural joint ventures just as quickly as they can be negotiated," John Reed, vice president International for Archer Daniels Midland, told the conference.

Reed's firm is negotiating with Moscow for the construction of a soybean processing plant in Polotsk in the western Soviet Union. The factory is rumoured to be the largest of its kind in the world.

Occidental Petroleum Corp signed a \$6 billion deal with Moscow in November for gas and sulphur production.

Nahisco Brands Inc is considering building a plant in Moscow to produce breakfast cereals. E. I. Sizenko, deputy chairman of the Soviet Agricultural Committee, told reporters in Washington on Monday.

Monsanto, Ralston-Purina and Dekalb Corp are also probing possibilities for Soviet ventures, Sizenko said.

Despite Gorbachev's eagerness, the prospective ventures are being hobbled by a persistent bilateral trade imbalance, the non-convertibility of the Soviet rouble, deep-seated economic differences and bureaucratic antagonisms and fears, officials said.

Moscow requires that joint ventures provide a net inflow of hard or convertible currency like the US dollar.

"Anyone who has travelled to the Soviet Union can relate to the near hysteria that is associated with converting funds," Laserson said.

Moscow's appetite for hard currency is matched by its longstanding trade deficit with the United States. Over the last two years, the value of US exports to the Soviet Union has been about four times Soviet sales to the United States.

"This pattern of trade is unacceptable," Melnikov said.

Also, Laserson said US Secretary of State George Shultz has objected to allowing US firms to trade goods for Soviet products.

Seminar on Arab petrochemical industries

TUNIS, Feb 3, (Opecna): A seminar on the integration of Arab petrochemical industries began here Monday to discuss studies made on proposed projects and the scope for cooperation among Arab countries.

Addressing the opening session, Tunisian Economy Minister Salah Eldin Bin Mubarak underlined the need for setting up a common Arab petrochemical market by concluding long-term deals between producers and consumers in the Arab world.

Mubarak commended existing cooperation between his country and two opec countries Algeria and Kuwait in this respect as examples for the integration of the industry.

The seminar, which was organised by the Baghdad-based Arab Organisation for Industrial Development (Aoid), was also addressed by Iraqi Minister of Light Industries Haidar Abdur Rashid who said that the organisation had formed a technical team to update the studies made on the proposed petrochemical ventures in cooperation with specialised institutions and companies.

The minister's address was read on his behalf by a representative of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Oapex).

He said the Aoid was now engaged in preparing a regional programme in support of petrochemical industries in conjunction with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (Unido) and UN Development Programme.

Meanwhile, the ministerial committee of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Investment and Development met here today to explore avenues of cooperation with Sudan in removing obstacles impeding success of the organisation's programmes.

The committee, assigned by shareholders of the Sudan-based organisation, was also set to discuss the investment activities of the organisation and what Sudan can offer in that connection.

Kuwait's Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al-Khorafi, president of the shareholders council, headed the meeting which was held on the fringe of the 44th session of the Arab Economic and Social Council which began here today.

Evans Economics, said claims for jobless insurance have risen by 100,000 over the past two months and that suggested a recession was already under way.

"This will be mild one," Evans said. "I think the economy will turn up in the fourth quarter, just after the election."

Major US banks began lowering prime rates — the favoured prices offered to top corporate customers — a quarter point to 8.5 per cent shortly after the report on the steady decline in leading indicators.

Singapore, Hong Kong and S. Korea blast US on trade concessions

GENEVA, Feb 3, (Reuters): Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea criticised the United States yesterday for removing them from its list of developing territories eligible for exporting goods to the United States duty-free.

The protests were made at a monthly closed-door meeting of the ruling council of the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), delegates said.

The White House announced the move, which also affects non-GATT member Taiwan, on January 29. Washington said their strong economies meant the four no longer qualified for special trade concessions under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP).

Trade representatives from Singapore, Hong Kong and South Korea took the floor to protest. "The US action to downgrade them out of the GSP scheme was discriminatory," delegates said.

Efforts

"At a time when the United States is making efforts to encourage its trading partners to open up their markets and to reduce or eliminate their unfair trade practices, the United States would be sending the wrong signal by the accelerated graduation

of a free-trading nation such as Singapore," the ambassador from Singapore, See Chak Mun, said in a speech.

Ambassador See said 96 per cent of US exports to Singapore entered its market duty-free, against 76 per cent of his country's exports to America.

Imbalance

Removal of GSP benefits to Singapore would reduce the figure of Singaporean goods entering the United States without tariffs to 45 per cent, he said. "This imbalance of market access needs to be corrected, not made worse."

Michael Carlland, Hong Kong's representative to the GATT, said in a speech that US products entering Hong Kong zero tariffs were \$3 billion — roughly double the value of Hong Kong goods currently entering America duty-free (\$1.4 billion).

South Korea's delegate commented in a statement: "The criteria for graduation (from the GSP scheme) have been neither clearly nor convincingly spelled out."

The decision of the US government, which is not based on objective criteria, will adversely affect the development of the less developed countries and their trade expansion."

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb 3, (Reuters): Shares closed higher but off peaks as steady gold prices and an eight point rise in the Dow Jones encouraged selected buying. The All Ordinaries index at the close was 7.8 points up at 1,248.4.

TOKYO: Prices closed lower in thin trade with no fresh incentive to advance after a recent string of gains. The Nikkei Average fell 76.84 points, or 0.32 per cent, to 23,595.37.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply higher on news of a drop in the US December leading indicators but with turnover meagre and reflecting caution. The Hang Seng index climbed 55.96 points to 2,354.46.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed mixed after selective bargain hunting alternated with profit-taking in quiet trading. Declines led advances by 72 to 69 and the Straits Times index rose 7.3

points to 895.5.

BOMBAY: Shares were sharply down on heavy speculative selling triggered by rumours of fresh taxes ahead of the fiscal budget at the end of the month. Tata Steel fell 18.75 rupees to 612.5.

FRANKFURT: Prices closed sharply higher after lively trading, boosted by a favourable report from steelmaker thyssen. The Commerzbank 60 index rose 17.5 points to 1,249.6.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed steady to slightly higher in light trading. The Swiss index rose 4.7 to 1,077.7.

LONDON: Shares drifted lower during a quiet morning session as investors pondered the latest moves in interest rates. The FTSE 100 was down 6.7 to 1,767.7 at 1200 GMT.

PARIS: Shares started the main session with strong gains in active trading.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 3.2.88			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1	Al Mujeb	Algh. Barber	4843988
9	Tug Salvani	Gulf Star	4845501
	Barge Maryam	Gulf Star	4845501
11	Wave Crest	Algh. Barber	4843988
12	Kara Koram	Trans Cont.	2436920
14	Global Star	Al Qutub	4747815

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1/2	Alshuwaikh	Livestock	2434177
2/2	Anwar Sg	Sager Shahin	2432692
3/2	Shaan	ISA	2441860
3/2	Zarka	Alqutub	4747815

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B. No	Ships name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Saint Constantinos	Al Qutub	4747815
3	Uco XVII	Steamco	2439973

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
1/2	Caly	M. Babar	2433881
6/2	Grace Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
8/2	Ahu Basma	Roger	2423642
8/2	Sunset	Roger	2423642
10/2	YS Prosperity	Al Rashid	2422026
11/2	Rhein Express	M. Bahar	2433881
15/2	Al Manakh	UASC	4843150
17/2	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
21/2	Tor Bay	KMMC	2419814
25/2	Andrea Mcrario	Al Kamal	2425437
25/2	Ahu Basma	Roger	2423642

COMPILED BY Alghanim Barber Shipping Co. PO Box 21708
Safat, Alghanim Industries Bldg, Airport Road, Shuwaikh.
Phone 4843988/4842988 extn. 3629/3614.



Sales Manager for Kuwait and Iraq of Cathay Pacific Airways, Maher Bahmassi, was recently presented with the Ten Year Pin Award. Picture shows (from left to right) CX East, Albert Manout.



By Keith Wells

Ancient Grease

EARLIER this week I attended a lecture at the National Museum which discussed the role of Paphos as an important trading and customs post in the days of the Hellenistic Empire that ruled the Near East just after the death of Alexander the Great. Then, by great good fortune, I came across this ancient manuscript which is a short story about life in Paphos in the year 250 BC.

The scene is the Customs Office, a large airy room overlooking the harbour. Two clerks, Paphos Apartments and Nauseos Mucous, are drinking wine and chatting about news.

Paphos: 'Did you read that story in the Arabos Times yesterday? The one about the slave girl who was sold for two thousand gold pieces? Don't know where some people get the money!'

'Didn't read it,' said Nauseos. 'I'm fed up with the Arabos Times, those clay tablets are so heavy, and they've put the price up again! Mind you, the official news is messy, and you see, the herald yesterday? Ye Gods, the girl can't speak Greek to save her life, and did you see that stupid map they had? Bloody great island down in Dilmun that just isn't there, but you can't tell them anything.'

Just then the Chief Customs Officer swept in, dressed in snowy white robes, the clerks jumped to their feet and started trying to look busy with clay stamps. The Chief Customs Officer stared out at the harbour which was filled with ships from all over the known world, triremes from Nineveh, galleys from Dilmun, ships loaded with gold, hides, spices, rare silks and exotic perfumes, Frankincense from southern Arabia, garrets from India, dates from the gardens of Babyloo. Their crews wandered around the bustling docks, Scythians, Greeks, Persians, Medes, Assyrians, Phoenicians, Philistines. Most

of them knew hardly any Greek, just enough to ask 'How long have you been in Paphos?' or understand the Customs men when they said 'Come back tomorrow.'

The Chief Customs Officer was followed by a train of ships' captains, all clutching heavy piles of clay tablets that needed his wax seal. 'Please Pompos Fintas, your excellency, just one stamp then I can sail on to Basra.'

'Tomorrow, Zeus willing,' said Pompos, without looking round. He'd been in office a long time and knew when to show his authority. He turned to Paphos and Nauseos, who hastily put away their cups of wine and pretended to be very busy. 'Have you heard the

'I'm fed up with the Arabos Times, those clay tablets are so heavy, and they've put the price up again! Mind you, the official news is worse, did you see the herald yesterday? Ye gods, the girl can't speak Greek to save her life, and did you see that stupid map they had? Bloody great island down in Dilmun that just isn't there, but you can't tell them anything.'

ews?' he said. 'We've just had reports that the Medes and Persians are at each other's throats again. They just sank a super-galley down Dilmun way, and another one's on its way here now, pretty badly damaged from what I hear.'

There was a great shout from the quayside, a babble of different languages. The customs men rushed to the doorway and watched as a large galley limped into the crowded harbour. Half the oars on one side were broken off, the slaves slumped on their benches, their chains covered with blood.

The crowd started yelling, half of them were chanting, 'Down with the Medes, the other half yelled, 'Curse the Persians!' Pompos Fintas

strode down through the crowd to the quayside, pushing the sailors aside, until he reached the place where the damaged galley was berthing. 'Where's your captain?' he shouted, the slaves shook their heads, 'Dead?' asked Pompos, looking worried.

'Worse,' said one of the slaves. 'They took him hostage, they want two million gold pieces and a hundred barrels of frankincense.'

'Persians!' Pompos Fintas exploded, 'they're worse than the Phoenicians. Last time I was in Tyre and Sidon they were kidnapping people left right and centre, I think it's their main industry.'

'But it won't last, sir,' said Nauseos, 'Sooner or later

take two for myself, then sell the rest as soon as the papyrus work is done.'

His clerks nodded and started stamping their seals on the slaves. Just then a scruffy looking man pushed his way through the throng crying, 'Pompos, Pompos Fintas! I have something for you, something to make you rich beyond all men!'

Pompos turned round, 'Who is that?'

'My name is Ali Onassis, I live on the mainland, your excellency.'

'The mainland? Why would anyone live on the mainland? There's nothing there but sand. What do you do for a living?'

'Your excellency, a few goats, a camel. But look, this is what I have to sell. The man pulled out a small flask filled with a black, sticky substance. Pompos sniffed it, then wrinkled his nose in disgust.

'What in Hades is that?'

'Men call it petroleos, but I call it Grease, in honour of your excellency's motherland, said Ali with an ingratiating smile. 'I found it on the mainland, it just bubbles out of the underworld. A gift of the gods. For you, best price is five hundred drachmas.'

'Ridiculous, what can you do with it?' snapped Pompos, handing back the flask to Ali Onassis.

'Your excellency, is good stuff, you can use on the chariot wheel, make it go faster. It burns too, they use it at the great light-house in Alexandria, Zeus willing. In his eagerness to impress the Chief Customs man Ali Onassis pressed the flask of petroleos into his hand. It was a terrible mistake, Pompos pulled his hand away at the last moment and the thick, black, smelly petroleos went all over his snowy white robe.

'You idiot!' roared Pompos. 'Guards, take him away! Sell him to the galleys.' He turned to Paphos and Nauseos who were dabbling the oil from his robe. 'Leave it,' he grumbled, 'I'll go home and change. Whoever heard of petroleos? These locals, honestly, they'd try to sell you anything!'

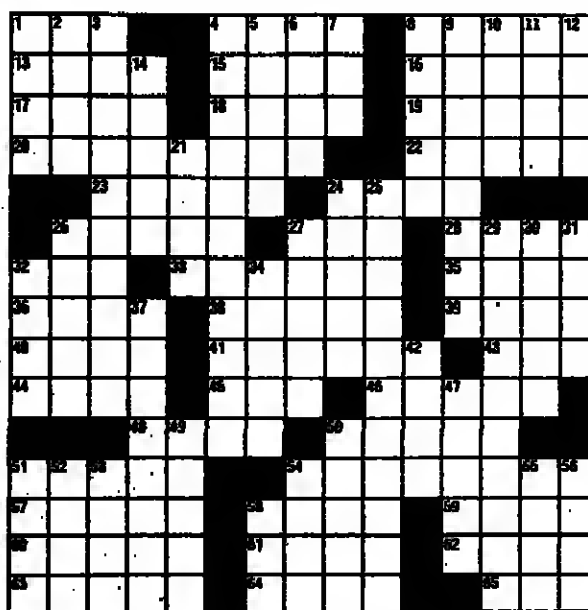
between Baltimore and Wilmington.'

So what are we to make of 'Broadcast News'? It is a fine picture that depicts an industry as it really is. For those who take TV for granted the film makes us realise how vulnerable the people who come into our living rooms really are.

If the public is waiting for a film about the print media similar to 'Broadcast News' they have a long wait. Myron told me as we left the theater, 'It would be nice if they made a picture about three press people who are ambitious, hard drinkers and philanderers. But who in the hell would believe it?'

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Thus, in a quote
 - 4 Elbow
 - 8 With 48 Across, "Lillian Russell" star
 - 13 Aroma
 - 15 Fairgrounds offering
 - 18 Family car
 - 17 City on the Truckee
 - 18 Microwave device
 - 18 Do-it-yourself bar
 - 20 Highland instruments
 - 22 Distributes impartially
 - 23 — the face (blushing)
 - 24 Makes a choice
 - 25 Played it again
 - 27 Miss, or Mo., e.g.
 - 28 Makes a choice
 - 32 Embrace
 - 33 Trafalgar or Washington
 - 35 Head of the Haus
 - 36 Saudi
 - 36 Subordinated
 - 39 Pate de — gras
 - 40 Detest
 - 41 Nonsense
 - 43 Over 100
 - 44 Toward shelter
 - 45 Black tie get-up
 - 46 Bridge play
 - 48 See 8 Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Rowan tree
 - 2 Glimmering
 - 3 Meet en masse
 - 4 Nearness
 - 5 Split
 - 8 Findar's output
 - 7 Study
 - 8 Tact for one
 - 9 Cease
 - 10 Fiddle
 - 11 "The Godfather" co-star
 - 12 Pass-rushers
 - 14 Cowboy at times
 - 21 Actress Lupino and namesakes
 - 24 Songbird
 - 25 Like some trains
 - 26 Exurban
 - 27 Linguistic root
 - 29 Checks text
 - 30 Formal wear

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

READING THE CARDS

East-West vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
 ♠ 432
 ♥ A984
 ♦ 74
 ♣ 10852

EAST
 ♠ Q975
 ♥ 75
 ♦ 653
 ♣ Q74

SOUTH
 ♠ AK6
 ♥ QJ106
 ♦ AQ9
 ♣ K93

The bidding:
 West North East South
 Pass Pass Pass 2 NT
 Pass 3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠

What are the traits that distinguish the bridge expert from the average player? Technique, yes; but, even more important, judgment. Watch one of the world's great card players, Zia Mahmood of Pakistan, in action during the recent World Team Championship.

After three passes, Zia opened two no trump on a hand considered a couple of points light by most experts. North checked on a major-suit fit with Stayman, then hid the suit game when he found his partner with four hearts.

At several tables the hand was played in a heart contract, and no other declarer managed more than nine tricks. Zia received a trump opening lead, won by the table's eight. It seems obvious to take the diamond finesse, but why had West chosen to lead away from the king of trumps? Zia decided that he had done so because his other choices looked even less attractive, and Zia backed his table feel to the hilt in the play.

At trick two he led a club and finessed the nine, losing to the jack. West exited with a trump, won in hand, and a trump to the ace felled the king. Now the ten of clubs was run to East's ace, and he got off lead safely enough by returning a club. When the queen appeared, declarer had fulfilled his contract because he could discard a spade on the table's good club. Zia gracefully conceded a diamond, and eventually a diamond ruff on the board was the entry to the 13th club. Declarer's only losers were two clubs and a diamond.

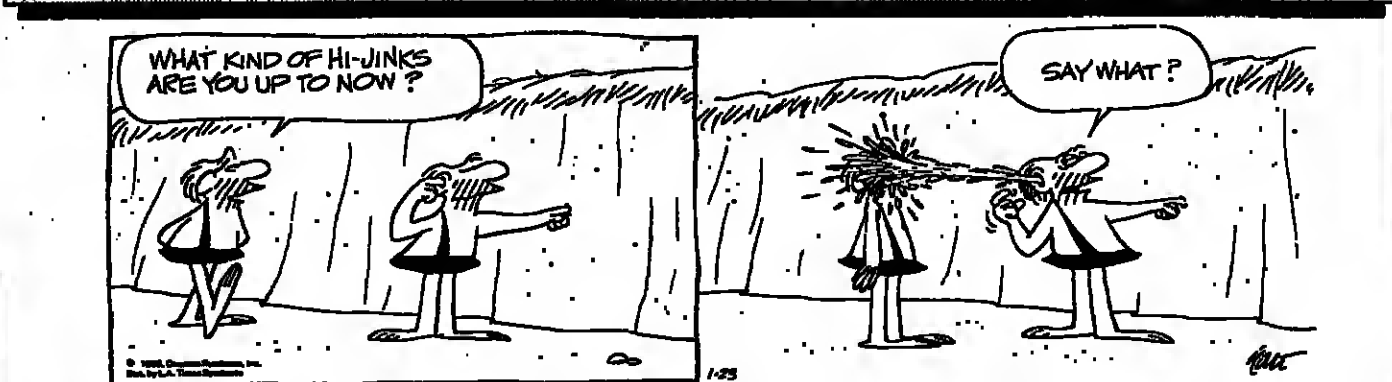


THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



By Johnny Hart



I SAW the film "Broadcast News" the other night. As luck would have it I went with a newspaper friend who claimed that since he wasn't in the TV business he could view it objectively.

'I've always been interested in how the other half lives,' Myron said, eating a bucket of popcorn. 'Do you think television people are strange?'

'I'm almost certain of it,' he said. 'Our TV brothers and sisters march to a different drummer.'

We watched the film unfold. Myron said, 'They all wear better clothes than we do, but it figures. They get paid more in one hour than we do in a week.'

'You're not jealous, are you, Myron?'

'Of course not. Everything we've seen so far proves you can't find happiness in Washington by receiving a higher salary.'

One of the themes throughout the motion picture is that the network characters aren't able to get their private lives together. They can't even arrange a friendly one-night stand without being preempted by an emotional crisis at the studio.

Myron whispered, 'It looks to me like the girl producer lusts for the

The Art Buchwald Column

The difference

anchorman — but he doesn't want her. Then when he lusts for her she doesn't want him.

'Why doesn't she want the anchorman?'

Myron replied, 'Because he used two cameras to shoot an interview but told her he only used one. It could never happen on a newspaper.'

'Why not?'

'Reporters don't cheat on their reverse shots.'

'TV makes you do a lot of things you're ashamed of,' I said.

'As I see it,' said Myron, chomping away on the popcorn, 'the difference between television and newspapering is that people in the print business are happily married.'

'Why are we so happily married?'

'Because our spouses are not jealous of our careers. They know that no matter what story we're working on, they always come first,' Myron said.

'And because they trust us we don't have to sneak around the backs of control

rooms and teleprompters,' I added.

'This popcorn needs more butter,' he said. 'What we newspaperers have going for us is although we love our work, we take time to smell the flowers. TV people would rather look at outtakes of their last show.'

'What disturbs me about 'Broadcast News' is that no one in the picture can write,' I confided to Myron. 'The only thing they respect is the red light on the top of the camera.'

'Television is a tough business,' Myron said, scratching the bottom of the popcorn pail for kernels. 'I'm not surprised that when the girl producer gets a flutter for the anchorman he turns his back on her for a romp in the hay with a more mature, but no less attractive lady at the same shop. That could only happen to someone at a network.'

I said, 'I've been told that a scene like that actually happened at a party on the Metroliner



between Baltimore and Wilmington.'

So what are we to make of 'Broadcast News'? It is a fine picture that depicts an industry as it really is. For those who take TV for granted the film makes us realise how vulnerable the people who come into our living rooms really are.

If the public is waiting for a film about the print media similar to 'Broadcast News' they have a long wait. Myron told me as we left the theater, 'It would be nice if they made a picture about three press people who are ambitious, hard drinkers and philanderers. But who in the hell would believe it?'

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

YOUR STARS

<p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>Favourable planetary influences will help you to draw the right conclusions. Both at work and at home your powers of persuasion will be heightened but do not abuse them. Keep your wits very much about you. Be responsive.</p>	<p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You should make sure you know what you are doing before you act. If you wait for a good opportunity you will miss the one that you have now. You should make sure expenditure does not exceed income. Be considerate.</p>	<p>Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>You will tend to be rather on the irritable side. You should not allow anyone to take the initiative away from you. Do not do things by halves; believe in what you are doing. Be prudent.</p>	<p>Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>You will be able to do something to further a personal project. You will be able to make up for lost time only you must not dither. Do not omit to do something you have promised to do. Be less outspoken.</p>
<p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should not lose sight of your objectives. When invited you should not stay longer than you feel welcome. You should make every effort to fulfil a promise. Be prudent.</p>	<p>Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)</p> <p>Something you have been considering for some time will now have to be decided upon. Do not allow your dislikes and likes to cloud your judgment. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Be astemious.</p>	<p>Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>You should not say all you think especially out to someone in a position of authority over you. However do not allow yourself to be intimidated, rather stand up for yourself. Be loyal.</p>	<p>Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>A good talk is far better than a disagreement. You are liable to run out of steam and will have to make an extra effort. You will have something to be pleased about. Be a little more patient.</p>
<p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>A problem you are facing will be easier to deal with than first appeared. You should not become involved in something that is not really your concern. Think a little harder before you act. Be confident.</p>	<p>Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)</p> <p>You should make sure you give proper attention to what is to be done. Do not rely too much on your intuitive powers. Avoid eating and drinking anything too starchy or too alcoholic. Be more understanding.</p>	<p>Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>You should have a little more faith in yourself. Do not drive too long without a break. You should avoid being timid, but nor should you take reckless risks. Be trustworthy.</p>	<p>Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)</p> <p>The influences are mixed and you will have to be careful not to put a foot wrong. The situation is rather complicated and now is not the time to show your hand. Make sure you are adequately utilized for the climate and occasion. Be less ostentatious.</p>

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

MARKET PLACE

ACCOMMODATION

For Rent

MISHRAF, Deluxe, CAC carpeted single storey villa, comprising 4 bedrooms, living area, dining room, 3 bathrooms, fitted large kitchen, car park and a beautiful garden. Rent KD 650. Tele. 5391720, 5382783. 1-8 pm. (AT1-40727-6)

MISHRAF, two storey spacious villa with garden. Curtains, and carpets, drip irrigation system with some light fittings for sale. KD1400. Tele. 5382129, 9 am - 12 noon, 5-7 pm. (AT6-40830-3)

MISHRAF, villa, single storey, 3 bedrooms, fitted furniture, fully carpeted, garden, carport excellent maid's quarters. No agents. Rent KD600. Tele. Mr. Hasler 5382187, after 6pm. (AT6-40829-2)

RUMATHIYA, two big bedrooms with balconies and built-in cupboards, sitting room, kitchen and English bathroom on 1st floor of a villa. Rent KD 130. Tele. Arshad, 5330880, 9 am - 9 pm. (AT5-40828-3)

Available

KUWAIT City, near the Sheraton Hotel, Behbehani Compound. Sharing accommodation for Europeans. Tele. Mr. Adrian, 2455397, res. (AT5-40814-3)

RAS SALMIYA, accommodation in a flat for a couple or an elderly lady to share with an Indian family. Bus routes, 14, 19, 34, 109, 505. Tele. 2451234. (AT5-40819-2)

KUWAIT City, Sharq. Sharing accommodation with kitchen and tele. facilities for one Indian Muslim bachelor (non-smoker). Rent KD35 with water and electricity. Tele. 2445561, 6-10 pm. (AT4-40807-3)

HAWALLI, near Dr Nawgiris Clinic. Independent room preferably for Indians. Bus routes 14, 18, 37, 506, 102. Rent KD60. Tele. 2628316, after 5pm. (AT6-40837-3)

KUWAIT City, near the Meridian, furnished accommodation with all housing facilities for a Western or Filipino family or ladies only. Tele. Mahmoud Abd Rabou, 2442308/9, 2429490/1, 7.30 am - 1.30 pm, 4.30 - 6.30 pm. (AT5-40823-3)

FARWANIYA, behind the Holiday Inn. Single bedroom in a 2-bedroom flat for 2 working ladies or a family. Tele. Kanthi, 2424761, 8 am - 12.30, 4-7.30 pm. (AT5-40825-3)

FOR SALE

Furniture

BEDROOM set, sofa set, writing table, curtains, etc. for sale. Tele. 2444033, 2625497. (AT5-40793-2)

Miscellaneous

NATIONAL portable video camera, model WVP-200N with recorder NV-100, charger NV-811, battery and 2000V light, in excellent condition. KD 350 ono. Tele. Mr. Jacob, 2517968 ext. 25, 7am - 2pm. (AT5-40798-3)

IMPROVE YOUR BUSINESS

By opening your Fahadheel branch of shops, showrooms and offices.
Call Terkair Real Estate Est.
3913 189 - 3919 884

CLEARANCE 5 seater settee set, dining table, with 6 chairs, and wall-units. Mishraf, Area 5, Street 11 Villa, 26. Tele. Mr. Hasler, 5382187 after 3pm. (AT6-40829-2)

GIBSON AC, National dryer, mattress, carpet, dining table with 3 chairs, 2 wooden beds, side-table, baby swing, baby pram at throw-away prices. Tele. Kanda, 5638324, 2-4 pm, 7-10 pm. (AT4-40800-3)

PHOTOCOPIER, sideboard, TV and video stand, large wall unit, medium wall unit, double bed and mattress, coffee table, display cabinet, music stand, rocking chair. Tele. 2612427. (AT6-40832-3)

MODERN Roland Polyphonic synthesizer, master piece 32 preset solo voices, plus other 32 programmable sounds, etc. KD 295. Tele. 5754853, after 5 pm. (AT5-40818-3)

DINING table with 6 chairs, washing machine, freezer and bedroom furniture for sale. Tele. Ibrahim, 3950722 ext. 259, 9 am - 2.30 pm. (AT4-40792-3)

HOUSEHOLD furniture and electrical appliances including 4+1 suite, wall units, bedroom suites, children and kitchen items for sale. Tele. Chris Miller, 5519201/2/3/4, apartment 53, 8 am - 9.30 pm. (AT5-40816-3)

SOME household items for sale. Tele. 4718040, 5-9 pm. (AT5-40799-2)

A 2 BEDROOM CAC flat in Farwaniya available from 1st March/1st April with bedroom set, carpets, curtains, kitchen cupboards, dishwasher. Also Impala Car 1981. Rent KD150. Tele. 4744706. (AT6-40833-3)

WESTINGHOUSE fridge (non-frost), KD 120. Two Hitachi AC's each KD 70. Ariston oven, KD 30. Sony 20" TV, KD 85, with antenna, rotor and wire. Tele. 4817784, 10 am - 12 noon, 4.30 - 6.30 pm. (AT5-EAR-TM-2)

Cars

MINISUBISHI Galant (GLS), 1984, manual, 5 gears, power steering, 108000 kms. Insured up to Jan '88. In excellent condition. One owner. KD 825, ono. Tele. Singh, 4837367, mornings, 4346094, evenings. (AT5-40813-3)

DE LOREAN 82, 2 seater sports, stainless steel body, red, automatic, 55000 kms. In very good condition. Best offer. Tele. 2511296, after 6 pm (Thursday after 1pm). (AT4-40796-3)

HONDA Accord, 83 model, two doors, white, in good condition. KD 800. (fixed price). Tele. Mr. Bassam, 5713190. (AT5-40812-3)

JAGUAR XJ6, 1981, with rebuilt engine and transmission. KD 1650. Tele. 2852916. (AT6-40797-1)

FOR RENT

* Villas

* Part Villas

* Flats * Offices

Excellent condition with 2-3-4 Bedrooms with Dining room, Saloon, Telephone, Garden, Car parking space. Servant's quarters with Central Airconditioning. Contact

Qatar Real Estate
Tel: 2406982, 2406983

DODGE 1981, fully automatic and Nissan Stanza 1984: fully automatic, white. Both cars are in very good condition. KD 600 and 725 respectively. Tele. 4887482, 9.30 am - 8 pm. (AT4-40805-3)

SITUATIONS

Wanted

ELECTRICIAN, with 8 years experience in Kuwait, seeks job, morning shift only. Tele. Mohammad, 4731791, 3-6.30 pm. (AT5-40821-3)

Vacant

MAID required immediately. Must have a good command of English with a transferable visa. Good salary for the right person. Tele. 5639328. (AT6-40835-2)

MAID required for an American family to live-in. Salary KD45. Tele. 5516991. (AT6-40831-2)

DRIVER required, Indian or Pakistani, for a Kuwaiti family. Must have experience in Kuwait and be able to speak Arabic and English. Must have a transferable visa. Tele. 2413102. (AT5-40811-2)

SAGAR JEWELLERS

Attractive new designs available at our new showroom at:

Sahara House Shop No. 1, Opp. Safat Post Office, Margab. Tel. 2441563

MAID required for a family from 12 noon - 8.30 pm, part-time or full time, near the Sabah Hospital. Salary KD 40 per month. Tele. 4873370, after 8.30 pm. (AT5-40781-2)

MISCELLANEOUS

GETTING to know each other get together party for Cavitanos/Cavitanas at the Sunrise Pinoy restaurant, Fahadheel on Feb 14. Tele. Armando, 3260251 ext. 228. (AT5-40826-2)

LOADING personal effects to Toronto, (Canada) on 25-2-88 by Maersk Astro, have 8 cbm space available. Interested, please call please tele. Madhevan, 2417758, off. 2445787 res. (AT5-40815-3)

FOR RENT

Villas, half villas, buildings, and flats with or without swimming pool.

Al Azraq Real Estate

Tel. 2452199, 2452198

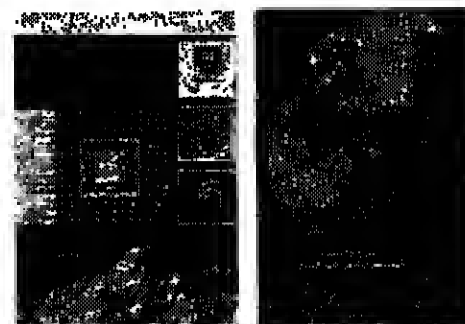
252525252525

STEPS STUDIO

Now announces "NEW" classes for children:

For girls from 7 yrs - disco-jazz class
For girls from 5 yrs - tap class
For boys & girls - all ages - the arts & crafts club
For girls from 4 yrs - classical ballet
For more details - call us today 5747313.

RAKAN COMPUTER DICTIONARY



The first dictionary of its type in the Arab World. For students, teachers, researchers, and computer fans.

Publisher:
RAKAN Electronics Co.
P.O. Box 24721 SAFAT 13108. Tel: 2409436.

WANTED

Our airconditioning maintenance division has the following vacancies

	Qty	Qualification & experience
1. Mechanical engineer	1	BSc with KSE membership 5 yrs experience in HVAC
2. Electrical engineer	1	BSc with KSE membership 5 yrs experience in HVAC
3. Foreman	2	Diploma in HVAC + 10 yrs exp.
4. Sr technicians	8	Diploma in HVAC + 5-7 yrs exp.
5. Jr technicians	6	Diploma in HVAC + 3 yrs exp.
6. Asst. technicians	10	Diploma in HVAC
7. Electricians	2	Diploma elect - 5 yrs exp.
8. Plant operators	2	Exp 5 yrs
9. Drivers	4	With valid Kwt driving licence of at least 3 yrs experience.

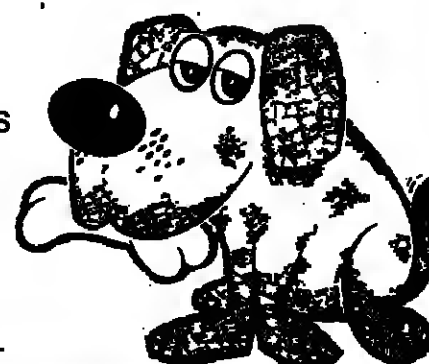
Transferable residence permit holders, pls apply within 7 days to:

Personnel Office, Kazema Engineering Projects, P.O. Box 42324, Shuwaikh. Tel. 4847820/4842033/4847276/4835841/2/3/4

Looking for a warm and friendly home?

Then do it through the classified pages of the Arab Times

We have the friendliest readers in town.



ARAB TIMES NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

LADIES KEEP FIT WITH AEROBICS

Commencing 6th Feb Sat, Mon & Wed 6 - 7 pm at the HILTON. For further information contact the Recreation Dept, the Hilton Hotel. Tele: 2533000

FOR RENT

Villas, 1/2 villas, flats, apartments, stores, etc. in all areas of Kuwait.

Messiah Beach Real Estate
Tel. 2401858
2408510

FOR RENT

An apartment comprising 3 bedrooms, a hall, a salon, deluxe kitchen and two bathrooms with deluxe finishing in Jabrya, behind Bahrain Embassy, on the entrance to 5th Ring Road. Call tel. 2485600/1249, Ashraf (mornings) and 2406524-5, Assamah, (evenings).

Golden Express

Int'l Cargo Door-to-door cargo service to the Philippines (SEA & AIR) Any man Kase ng bagage o regalo ang nagsal sa buhay ay nakikipag-ugnay lang sa GOLDEN EXPRESS INTL CARGO Contact: Nena Tel. No. 2422332/2447529

COMPUTER STUDIES

Programming Data Entry Word Processing Polyglot Institute
Tel: 2414820-2431469

Just arrived New Computer Books

Road Computers Rehab Complex, Hawail, Tel. 2668800.

Hadid Ligaya offers free delivery in provinces

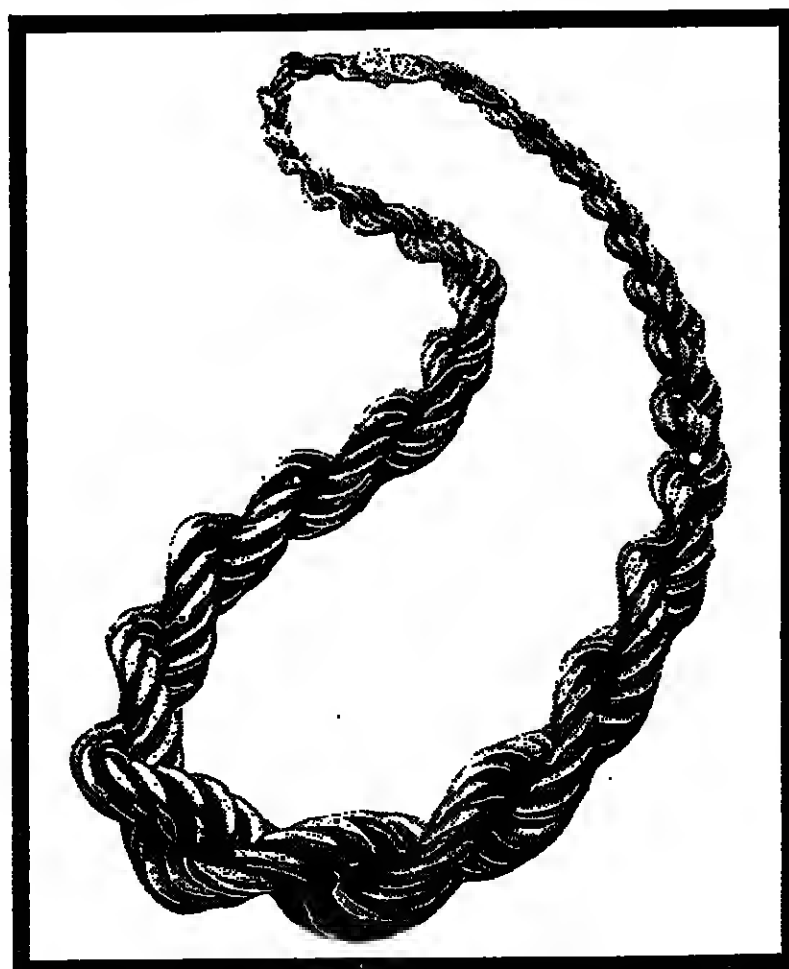
Philippines Door to Door Service

Abughosh Int'l Tel. 4843447 SARAH



ADVERTISEMENT DEPT.
TEL: 4816326, 4816327

EXQUISITE ITALIAN DESIGNS at affordable prices

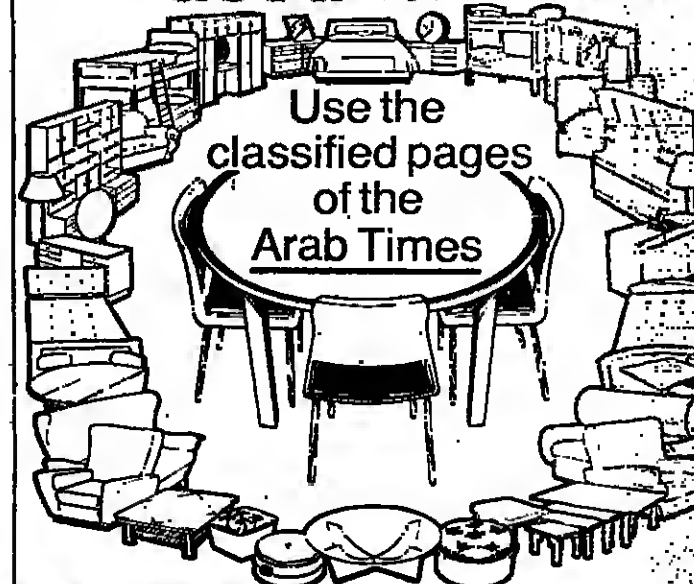


Come in and see our new line of gold and precious jewellery

Boutique Al Nerah

Souk Al Watya Kuwait Telephone 2448562.

To buy and sell used furniture



ARAB TIMES NEWS IS OUR BUSINESS

ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS COUPON

2 insertions KD 4. Three insertions KD 5

Conditions:
1. Advertisements may be mailed in only on this coupon, or preferably, completed at the Arab Times office between 8.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4.30 - 6 p.m.
2. To complete the coupon, follow the sequence of the information given in above printed advertisements, for desired section heading. All advertisements will be printed according to Arab Times format and are subject to editing.
3. Advertisements must not exceed 25 words including name and telephone number.
4. Text must be typed or clearly printed. No alterations or cancellations will be made after publication.
5. Advertisements of personal nature involving business transactions will not be accepted, nor any matrimonial advertisements.
6. The Arab Times is not responsible for postal delays.

Section heading

Sender's Name

Address

Telephone

Coupons and payment must be mailed to:
ARAB TIMES CLASSIFIEDS
P.O. BOX: 2270
13023 SAFAT KUWAIT.



ہم نے اپنی ساری باتیں اس سے باہر سے کہیں کوئی

[illegible]

”میری دلچسپی کا جو سب سے بڑا شوق تھا اس میں شامل کئے گئے سوا دھند سے چلی کرنے کا انداز اور لوگوں کو خاص پسند نہ آتا تھا۔ میری دلچسپی کو نہ اس قدر لکھنا تھا جتنا کہ لوگ اس سے متاثر ہو سکیں۔

[illegible]

خطباتِ ملک کے اختتام کی تقریب میں شیخِ وقت اور راجا کاشیپتھم

[illegible]

عالم کو جتنا ہے خود ہی جتنا ہے



انہوں کی کانفرنس میں ہم جنس کے قہار

مجلسه اول

۵۰۔ ۷۰۔ ۸۰۔ ۹۰۔ ۱۰۰۔ ۱۱۰۔ ۱۲۰۔ ۱۳۰۔ ۱۴۰۔ ۱۵۰۔ ۱۶۰۔ ۱۷۰۔ ۱۸۰۔ ۱۹۰۔ ۲۰۰۔ ۲۱۰۔ ۲۲۰۔ ۲۳۰۔ ۲۴۰۔ ۲۵۰۔ ۲۶۰۔ ۲۷۰۔ ۲۸۰۔ ۲۹۰۔ ۳۰۰۔ ۳۱۰۔ ۳۲۰۔ ۳۳۰۔ ۳۴۰۔ ۳۵۰۔ ۳۶۰۔ ۳۷۰۔ ۳۸۰۔ ۳۹۰۔ ۴۰۰۔ ۴۱۰۔ ۴۲۰۔ ۴۳۰۔ ۴۴۰۔ ۴۵۰۔ ۴۶۰۔ ۴۷۰۔ ۴۸۰۔ ۴۹۰۔ ۵۰۰۔ ۵۱۰۔ ۵۲۰۔ ۵۳۰۔ ۵۴۰۔ ۵۵۰۔ ۵۶۰۔ ۵۷۰۔ ۵۸۰۔ ۵۹۰۔ ۶۰۰۔ ۶۱۰۔ ۶۲۰۔ ۶۳۰۔ ۶۴۰۔ ۶۵۰۔ ۶۶۰۔ ۶۷۰۔ ۶۸۰۔ ۶۹۰۔ ۷۰۰۔ ۷۱۰۔ ۷۲۰۔ ۷۳۰۔ ۷۴۰۔ ۷۵۰۔ ۷۶۰۔ ۷۷۰۔ ۷۸۰۔ ۷۹۰۔ ۸۰۰۔ ۸۱۰۔ ۸۲۰۔ ۸۳۰۔ ۸۴۰۔ ۸۵۰۔ ۸۶۰۔ ۸۷۰۔ ۸۸۰۔ ۸۹۰۔ ۹۰۰۔ ۹۱۰۔ ۹۲۰۔ ۹۳۰۔ ۹۴۰۔ ۹۵۰۔ ۹۶۰۔ ۹۷۰۔ ۹۸۰۔ ۹۹۰۔ ۱۰۰۰۔ ۱۰۱۰۔ ۱۰۲۰۔ ۱۰۳۰۔ ۱۰۴۰۔ ۱۰۵۰۔ ۱۰۶۰۔ ۱۰۷۰۔ ۱۰۸۰۔ ۱۰۹۰۔ ۱۱۰۰۔ ۱۱۱۰۔ ۱۱۲۰۔ ۱۱۳۰۔ ۱۱۴۰۔ ۱۱۵۰۔ ۱۱۶۰۔ ۱۱۷۰۔ ۱۱۸۰۔ ۱۱۹۰۔ ۱۲۰۰۔ ۱۲۱۰۔ ۱۲۲۰۔ ۱۲۳۰۔ ۱۲۴۰۔ ۱۲۵۰۔ ۱۲۶۰۔ ۱۲۷۰۔ ۱۲۸۰۔ ۱۲۹۰۔ ۱۳۰۰۔ ۱۳۱۰۔ ۱۳۲۰۔ ۱۳۳۰۔ ۱۳۴۰۔ ۱۳۵۰۔ ۱۳۶۰۔ ۱۳۷۰۔ ۱۳۸۰۔ ۱۳۹۰۔ ۱۴۰۰۔ ۱۴۱۰۔ ۱۴۲۰۔ ۱۴۳۰۔ ۱۴۴۰۔ ۱۴۵۰۔ ۱۴۶۰۔ ۱۴۷۰۔ ۱۴۸۰۔ ۱۴۹۰۔ ۱۵۰۰۔ ۱۵۱۰۔ ۱۵۲۰۔ ۱۵۳۰۔ ۱۵۴۰۔ ۱۵۵۰۔ ۱۵۶۰۔ ۱۵۷۰۔ ۱۵۸۰۔ ۱۵۹۰۔ ۱۶۰۰۔ ۱۶۱۰۔ ۱۶۲۰۔ ۱۶۳۰۔ ۱۶۴۰۔ ۱۶۵۰۔ ۱۶۶۰۔ ۱۶۷۰۔ ۱۶۸۰۔ ۱۶۹۰۔ ۱۷۰۰۔ ۱۷۱۰۔ ۱۷۲۰۔ ۱۷۳۰۔ ۱۷۴۰۔ ۱۷۵۰۔ ۱۷۶۰۔ ۱۷۷۰۔ ۱۷۸۰۔ ۱۷۹۰۔ ۱۸۰۰۔ ۱۸۱۰۔ ۱۸۲۰۔ ۱۸۳۰۔ ۱۸۴۰۔ ۱۸۵۰۔ ۱۸۶۰۔ ۱۸۷۰۔ ۱۸۸۰۔ ۱۸۹۰۔ ۱۹۰۰۔ ۱۹۱۰۔ ۱۹۲۰۔ ۱۹۳۰۔ ۱۹۴۰۔ ۱۹۵۰۔ ۱۹۶۰۔ ۱۹۷۰۔ ۱۹۸۰۔ ۱۹۹۰۔ ۲۰۰۰۔ ۲۰۱۰۔ ۲۰۲۰۔ ۲۰۳۰۔ ۲۰۴۰۔ ۲۰۵۰۔ ۲۰۶۰۔ ۲۰۷۰۔ ۲۰۸۰۔ ۲۰۹۰۔ ۲۱۰۰۔ ۲۱۱۰۔ ۲۱۲۰۔ ۲۱۳۰۔ ۲۱۴۰۔ ۲۱۵۰۔ ۲۱۶۰۔ ۲۱۷۰۔ ۲۱۸۰۔ ۲۱۹۰۔ ۲۲۰۰۔ ۲۲۱۰۔ ۲۲۲۰۔ ۲۲۳۰۔ ۲۲۴۰۔ ۲۲۵۰۔ ۲۲۶۰۔ ۲۲۷۰۔ ۲۲۸۰۔ ۲۲۹۰۔ ۲۳۰۰۔ ۲۳۱۰۔ ۲۳۲۰۔ ۲۳۳۰۔ ۲۳۴۰۔ ۲۳۵۰۔ ۲۳۶۰۔ ۲۳۷۰۔ ۲۳۸۰۔ ۲۳۹۰۔ ۲۴۰۰۔ ۲۴۱۰۔ ۲۴۲۰۔ ۲۴۳۰۔ ۲۴۴۰۔ ۲۴۵۰۔ ۲۴۶۰۔ ۲۴۷۰۔ ۲۴۸۰۔ ۲۴۹۰۔ ۲۵۰۰۔ ۲۵۱۰۔ ۲۵۲۰۔ ۲۵۳۰۔ ۲۵۴۰۔ ۲۵۵۰۔ ۲۵۶۰۔ ۲۵۷۰۔ ۲۵۸۰۔ ۲۵۹۰۔ ۲۶۰۰۔ ۲۶۱۰۔ ۲۶۲۰۔ ۲۶۳۰۔ ۲۶۴۰۔ ۲۶۵۰۔ ۲۶۶۰۔ ۲۶۷۰۔ ۲۶۸۰۔ ۲۶۹۰۔ ۲۷۰۰۔ ۲۷۱۰۔ ۲۷۲۰۔ ۲۷۳۰۔ ۲۷۴۰۔ ۲۷۵۰۔ ۲۷۶۰۔ ۲۷۷۰۔ ۲۷۸۰۔ ۲۷۹۰۔ ۲۸۰۰۔ ۲۸۱۰۔ ۲۸۲۰۔ ۲۸۳۰۔ ۲۸۴۰۔ ۲۸۵۰۔ ۲۸۶۰۔ ۲۸۷۰۔ ۲۸۸۰۔ ۲۸۹۰۔ ۲۹۰۰۔ ۲۹۱۰۔ ۲۹۲۰۔ ۲۹۳۰۔ ۲۹۴۰۔ ۲۹۵۰۔ ۲۹۶۰۔ ۲۹۷۰۔ ۲۹۸۰۔ ۲۹۹۰۔ ۳۰۰۰۔ ۳۰۱۰۔ ۳۰۲۰۔ ۳۰۳۰۔ ۳۰۴۰۔ ۳۰۵۰۔ ۳۰۶۰۔ ۳۰۷۰۔ ۳۰۸۰۔ ۳۰۹۰۔ ۳۱۰۰۔ ۳۱۱۰۔ ۳۱۲۰۔ ۳۱۳۰۔ ۳۱۴۰۔ ۳۱۵۰۔ ۳۱۶۰۔ ۳۱۷۰۔ ۳۱۸۰۔ ۳۱۹۰۔ ۳۲۰۰۔ ۳۲۱۰۔ ۳۲۲۰۔ ۳۲۳۰۔ ۳۲۴۰۔ ۳۲۵۰۔ ۳۲۶۰۔ ۳۲۷۰۔ ۳۲۸۰۔ ۳۲۹۰۔ ۳۳۰۰۔ ۳۳۱۰۔ ۳۳۲۰۔ ۳۳۳۰۔ ۳۳۴۰۔ ۳۳۵۰۔ ۳۳۶۰۔ ۳۳۷۰۔ ۳۳۸۰۔ ۳۳۹۰۔ ۳۴۰۰۔ ۳۴۱۰۔ ۳۴۲۰۔ ۳۴۳۰۔ ۳۴۴۰۔ ۳۴۵۰۔ ۳۴۶۰۔ ۳۴۷۰۔ ۳۴۸۰۔ ۳۴۹۰۔ ۳۵۰۰۔ ۳۵۱۰۔ ۳۵۲۰۔ ۳۵۳۰۔ ۳۵۴۰۔ ۳۵۵۰۔ ۳۵۶۰۔ ۳۵۷۰۔ ۳۵۸۰۔ ۳۵۹۰۔ ۳۶۰۰۔ ۳۶۱۰۔ ۳۶۲۰۔ ۳۶۳۰۔ ۳۶۴۰۔ ۳۶۵۰۔ ۳۶۶۰۔ ۳۶۷۰۔ ۳۶۸۰۔ ۳۶۹۰۔ ۳۷۰۰۔ ۳۷۱۰۔ ۳۷۲۰۔ ۳۷۳۰۔ ۳۷۴۰۔ ۳۷۵۰۔ ۳۷۶۰۔ ۳۷۷۰۔ ۳۷۸۰۔ ۳۷۹۰۔ ۳۸۰۰۔ ۳۸۱۰۔ ۳۸۲۰۔ ۳۸۳۰۔ ۳۸۴۰۔ ۳۸۵۰۔ ۳۸۶۰۔ ۳۸۷۰۔ ۳۸۸۰۔ ۳۸۹۰۔ ۳۹۰۰۔ ۳۹۱۰۔ ۳۹۲۰۔ ۳۹۳۰۔ ۳۹۴۰۔ ۳۹۵۰۔ ۳۹۶۰۔ ۳۹۷۰۔ ۳۹۸۰۔ ۳۹۹۰۔ ۴۰۰۰۔ ۴۰۱۰۔ ۴۰۲۰۔ ۴۰۳۰۔ ۴۰۴۰۔ ۴۰۵۰۔ ۴۰۶۰۔ ۴۰۷۰۔ ۴۰۸۰۔ ۴۰۹۰۔ ۴۱۰۰۔ ۴۱۱۰۔ ۴۱۲۰۔ ۴۱۳۰۔ ۴۱۴۰۔ ۴۱۵۰۔ ۴۱۶۰۔ ۴۱۷۰۔ ۴۱۸۰۔ ۴۱۹۰۔ ۴۲۰۰۔ ۴۲۱۰۔ ۴۲۲۰۔ ۴۲۳۰۔ ۴۲۴۰۔ ۴۲۵۰۔ ۴۲۶۰۔ ۴۲۷۰۔ ۴۲۸۰۔ ۴۲۹۰۔ ۴۳۰۰۔ ۴۳۱۰۔ ۴۳۲۰۔ ۴۳۳۰۔ ۴۳۴۰۔

RIVALS BEATEN EASILY

Johnson fails in 60m record bid

MADRID, Feb. 3. (Reuters): Canadian Ben Johnson failed to better his world record time for 60 metres indoors but easily beat his rivals with a time of 6.49 seconds at an international athletics meeting yesterday.

Johnson was quick off the blocks, but never pumped up the speed to break well clear. He finished a metre ahead of Belgian Ronald Desruelles and Desai Williams of Canada, but was behind his world record time of 6.41 seconds, set last March in Indianapolis.

Journey
Johnson, who refused to see reporters after the race, had said earlier he was fitter than ever, but after a long journey from Toronto via Frankfurt at the weekend.

He said he would be looking for a time of 6.38 seconds as a guide to whether he could beat his world record time for the 100 metres later in the season.

Women's high jump world champion Stefka Kostadinova

of Bulgaria soared way above the opposition to win with a jump of 2.00 metres, five cms short of her indoor world record height.

Men's high jump world champion Swede Patrik Sjöberg had a tougher fight against West Germany's European champion Dietmar Moegenburg of West Germany and another West German, Carlo Thränhardt, but was the only one to sail clear over 2.35 metres.

He failed in an attempt at 2.42 metres to beat his own indoor world record of 2.41 metres.

Larry Myricks of the United States won the men's long jump as he leapt 8.12 metres, 34 cms further than Kiristo Markov of Bulgaria, currently the triple jump world champion.

None of the men's pole vaulters, including former European champion Atanas Tarev of Bulgaria, managed more than 5.40 metres. Feroz Salberg of France, whose personal best is 5.90 metres, took first prize on fewer failures.

Australia draws with

Dinamo Zagreb

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 3. (AP): Graham Arnold scored a second half equaliser tonight to help the Australian national soccer team to a 1-1 draw with Yugoslav club Dinamo Zagreb at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Zvonimir Boban gave Dinamo a 1-0 lead in the 40th minute with an expertly placed free-kick. Arnold equalised early in the second half with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Australian coach Frank Arok said he had sacrificed Australia's offensive game in order to give his players practice in the defensive aspects of soccer.

Dinamo coach Miroslav Blazevic said he gave Australia little chance of beating Israel in the Olympic games qualifying series next month, claiming that his team lacked the necessary skills.

Dinamo was playing the fourth match of its five-game Australian tour. It had previously beaten a Victorian state team 6-0, and lost 2-1 to both a New South Wales state selection and to club side Adelaide City.

Goalkeeper Miralem Ibrahimovic was outstanding for Dinamo.

He blocked close range scoring attempts by Arnold in the sixth minute, and Frank Farina in the 25th minute.

Australia will face Dinamo Zagreb again at Parramatta stadium in Sydney on Friday night.

Budapest's Fitos banned for five matches

GENEVA, Feb. 3. (Reuters): Josef Fitos of Hungary's Hooved Budapest has been banned for five matches for violent behaviour, the European Football Union (UEFA) said yesterday.

The punishment followed Fitos' sending off for "extremely violent behaviour" in the return leg of a third-round UEFA Cup tie against Panathinaikos Athens on December 12.

The Greek club's Iannis Kalitakis, who was sent off for the same reason during the tie, was banned for four games. UEFA said in a news release after a meeting of its disciplinary committee.

Czechoslovak club Vihovice's Lubomir Vilk was suspended for four matches for spitting at an opponent in a UEFA Cup third-round tie against Vitoria Guimaraes of Portugal on December 12.

The Portuguese club was fined 5,000 Swiss francs (\$3,625) for the team's unsporting behaviour at the match.

West German Arno Glesius, sent off for violent behaviour in a European championship under-21 game against the Netherlands in November, was banned for four matches.

Soccer manager sacked

CARDIFF, Feb. 3. (Reuters): Welsh international soccer manager Mike England was sacked today after nearly eight years in the job and despite continued support from many of his players.

The Welsh FA took the decision to dismiss the 46-year-old former international defender following the country's failure to qualify for the 1988 European championship finals.

With England as manager, Wales played 56 internationals, winning 18 and losing 22, despite the presence of top-class players such as Kevin Ratcliffe, Ian Rush, Mark Hughes and Neville Southall.

Ditka elected to Hall of Fame

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 3. (AP): Mike Ditka said it really wasn't fair to have had as much fun as he did playing football and still be elected to the American pro football Hall of Fame.

The Chicago Bears coach was elected yesterday along with Fred Biletnikoff, Jack Ham and Alan Page.

"It's a mild boggling," said Ditka, who played 12 years in the National Football League as a tight end.

Excited
Biletnikoff, a flanker with the Oakland Raiders famed for his timing and exacting pass routes, said, "I can't tell you how excited I am. It's a big, big thrill for me."

Ham, a key performer in the Pittsburgh Steelers' "steel curtain" during four Super Bowl victories in the 1970s, said, "I'm ecstatic. I'm going in with some



Ben Johnson (5) cruises across the finish line ahead of Belgium's Ronald Desruelles (11) on Tuesday in Madrid. (Reuters wirephoto)

pretty good company."

Page, a cornerstone at defensive tackle on the Minnesota Vikings' famed "Purple People Eaters" defense, said, "(my) whole career was a highlight."

Ditka is the first pure tight end ever elected to the Hall. Biletnikoff is the fifth tight end to get the honour. Ham was the second player from the Steelers' Super Bowl years to be honored, following "Mean Joe" Greene. Page became the second Viking to make the Hall, joining quarterback Fran Tarkenton.

Receptions

Ditka, 48, out of the University of Pittsburgh, was named NFL Rookie of the Year in 1961 after catching 56 passes for 1,076 yards and 12 touchdowns. Three years later, he had 75 catches, a record for tight ends that stood

for 16 years.

Ditka did not miss a start in 84 games with the Bears and earned all-pro honours his first four seasons. He had 427 receptions for 5,812 yards and 43 touchdowns in his career.

Biletnikoff, who will turn 45 later this month, spent 14 years with the Raiders. He caught 589 passes—seventh best all-time—for 8,974 yards and 76 touchdowns. He caught 40 or more passes for 10 straight seasons, and his 70 catches for 1,167 yards and 10 touchdowns in 19 postseason games were records at the time of his retirement. He played in three AFL and five AFC championship games, as well as in the 1968 and 1977 Super Bowls.

Ham, 39, missed only four games in his first 10 seasons in the NFL. The outside linebacker from Penn. state finished a 12-

WILKINS SCORES 29 POINTS

Knicks defeat Bullets

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (AP): Here's a roundup of National Basketball Association games last night:

Knicks 110, Bullets 106
Gerald Wilkins scored a season-high 29 points, including a key left-handed hook shot with 55 seconds left and the New York Knicks defeated the Washington Bullets 110-106.

In the game in New York, Wilkins, whose previous high was 28 points, cut across the lane and gave New York a 105-101 lead with his left-handed shot.

Patrick Ewing had 22 points for New York, while Bernard King had 28 and Jeff Malone 24 for Washington.

Rockets 109, Suns 99
Houston's Joe Barry Carroll scored 21 points, including seven in a row during a late fourth-quarter surge to lead the Rockets to a 109-99 victory over Phoenix, extending the Suns' losing streak to nine straight.

In the game in Houston, Houston led 88-87 with 7:32 left to play when Jim Petersen sank two free throws and Carroll hit Houston's next seven points to put the Rockets in command.

Akeem Ojajuwon led the Rockets with 26 points, including 16 in the first quarter, and 15 rebounds. Armon Gilliam paced Phoenix with 18 points and Larry Nance had 13 points and 14 rebounds.

Spurs 118, Nets 106
Walter Berry scored 28 points to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 118-106 NBA victory over the New Jersey Nets. Alvin Robertson and Greg Anderson added 20 points each.

In the game in San Antonio, Texas, New Jersey closed to 107-101 in the final two minutes of the game, but the Spurs changed the tempo, applying a tighter defense and pulling ahead for good.

Pistons 98, Bucks 97
Bill Laimbeer scored his only points of the game on a baseline

jumper with 19 seconds left as the Detroit Pistons rallied to defeat the Milwaukee Bucks 99-97 and snap a two-game losing streak.

After Laimbeer's basket, Isiah Thomas stole the ball and Adrian Dantley made a free throw with three seconds remaining to give Detroit a 99-96 lead as the Pistons snapped a four-game road losing string. In the game in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Bucks' Craig Hodges hit a free throw with two seconds left.

Rick Mahorn led the Pistons with a season-high 28 points. Thomas added 22 and Dantley 21. Milwaukee's Terry Cummings had 30 points.

Lakers 110, Bulls 101
Magic Johnson scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Chicago Bulls 110-101 despite 39 points by Michael Jordan.

In the game in Inglewood, California, the Lakers had an 83-63 lead in the third period before

the Bulls got as close as 101-97 with 2:36 to play. Jordan had 22 points in the fourth quarter to spark the rally.

But Johnson scored seven of the Lakers' last 11 points including a three-point play with 1:33 left that made the score 106-97.

Trail Blazers 121, Hawks 118
Clyde Drexler scored 32 points and Kiki Vandeweghe had 25 as the Portland Trail Blazers handed Atlanta its fourth straight loss 121-118.

In the game in Portland, Oregon, Kevin Duckworth added 22 points and a career-high 17 rebounds for the Blazers, who rallied from a 20-point second-quarter deficit, then held off a charge by the Hawks in the game's final minutes.

Vandeweghe scored 13 points in the second quarter as the Blazers sliced the Atlanta lead to eight by halftime.

Dominique Wilkins had 29 points and Glenn Rivers 25 for Atlanta.

Watson fails to make the short putts

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 3. (AP): This week can only get better for Tom Watson. He has a pinched nerve in his neck. The short putts aren't falling.

"I'm playing pretty well, but I just can't make the short putts," Watson said after a practice session for the \$700,000 Pebble Beach Classic, which begins tomorrow over three Monterey peninsula courses.

Enjoying

Watson scored consecutive victories in this tournament in 1977 and 1978 when it was known as the Crosby and won the 1982 US Open over the cliffs and crags of Pebble Beach.

"It's one of my favourite places in the world. That sometimes helps. And the game is fun again. I'm enjoying it again. That makes a very big difference," said Watson, who broke a long non-winning streak last year in the Nabisco championship.

Others

He faces an international field of 160 pros who will play one round on each of three courses—Pebble Beach, Cypress Point and Spyglass Hill—each day with an amateur partner, before the field is cut for the final round on Sunday at Pebble Beach.

Greg Norman, a winner in his

native Australia last week, and Jack Nicklaus are opening their 1988 US campaigns in this event.

In addition to Norman, some of the other major foreign stars are Sandy Lyle of Scotland, a former British Open champ and a playoff winner in Phoenix last weekend; Bernhard Langer of West Germany and David Frost of South Africa.

Aloog with Watson and Nicklaus, the US contingent is led by Curtis Strange, a record-setting money-winner last season, 1987 Player of the Year Paul Azinger, defending tournament champion Johnny Miller, Masters champion Larry Mize and Fuzzy Zoeller.

Okamoto misses season's opener

BOCA RATON, Florida, Feb. 3. (Reuters): Japan's Ayako Okamoto, earnings champion and Player of the Year in 1987, began the 1988 season in embarrassing fashion when she forgot to sign up for the opening tournament for the Ladies' Professional Golf Association (LPGA) tour.

Okamoto, a seven-year tour veteran who beat Americans Betsy King and Jane Geddes to lead the moneywinners last year with \$466,034, will miss the season's opener this week—the \$200,000 event at the Stonebridge golf and Country Club Course.

Forgot
Okamoto, who also won the LPGA bonus pool's top prize of \$125,000 last year, said she simply forgot to sign up for the tournament by the January 26 deadline.

Although missing the tournament was an oversight, she intends to cut her playing schedule following the most successful year of her career.

"I'm trying to take it easy with golf," said Okamoto, who has played only two rounds since the end of the 1987 schedule in December.

"I hope to repeat but I'll be 37 years old this year. I have to pace myself."

"I don't want to change anything but I'm going to play only 20 tournaments on the tour this year," she said.

Played
"I played 24 LPGA tournaments last year. I also played in Japan, so I played a total of 31. That's too much," added Okamoto, who has just spent two weeks relaxing and getting back into form at her Florida home.

Okamoto also spent some off-season time in Japan where she received an award from the prime minister for her contribution towards encouraging and developing sports in Japan.

The 1988 tour, which begins tomorrow, offers a record \$12.2 million in prize money for 37 tournaments. LPGA commissioner John Laughton said, "Our prize money has increased more than \$1 million over last year," he said. Fourteen tournaments have higher prize money.

Chance

Most of the game's top players—including Geddes, King and Australia's Jan Stephenson—will have a chance to get one jump ahead of Okamoto as they vie for the \$30,000 top prize.

King finished second in the 1987 player of the year honours, won the Vare Trophy for the best scoring average—71.14—and earned \$460,385, just \$5,649 less than Okamoto. Geddes was third on the earnings list with \$396,818 and Stephenson was fourth with \$227,303.

Another player expected to make an impact on the tour this year is Laura Davies, a 24-year-old power-hitter who last year became the first Briton to win the US Open and Joanne Carner in an 18-hole playoff.

To prove

Davies, who has won the British Ladies Open and topped the European prize money list, earned LPGA tour privileges for 1988 with her US Open triumph.

"I want to do well in America. It's where the best players are. It's where I have to prove myself," said Davies, who has committed herself to playing a

minimum of 15 tournaments in the United States this year.

Davies will be one of several first-time Britons on the tour. Trish Johnson and Carollee Perce, first and second place finishers on the LPGA qualifying list, will also be looking to make their mark.

Brazil should not host 1994 World Cup: Pele

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 3. (Reuters): Former soccer great Pele said his native Brazil had too many problems to host the 1994 World Cup finals and suggested the competition be held elsewhere.

"A country where millions of people are starving and which has the Third World's largest foreign debt cannot consider the sponsorship of a World Cup with government money," Pele told reporters in Sao Paulo yesterday.

Pele, 47, Brazil's tourism ambassador, said he expected to be criticised for his stand but denied accusations that he was working to have the tournament held in the United States.

He said he was "only favour Brazil hosting the World Cup if it were funded by private companies."

Brazil, the United States and Morocco have applied to host the 1994 finals. The International Football Federation, the sport's governing body, is due to announce the winning bid in June.



Workers remove excess snow from areas at Olympic Park in Calgary. (Reuters wirephoto)

"The atmosphere is cozy here, like at home," the 16-year-old Gordeeva said through an interpreter.

At Canmore, site of the Nordic events, Canadian medal hope Pierre Harvey said he was taking it easy.

"It's time to rest," he said. "If we are not ready now, we just have to watch the Olympics."

There was no rest, however, for others getting ready for the games.

All around Calgary, Olympic fever could be felt.

Workers were busy with final cleanup and construction at the venue—Canmore Nordic Centre, Nakiska alpine slopes, Canada Olympic Park, the Olympic Saddle Dome, the Olympic oval speed-skating rink and the Olym-

pie Plaza downtown, where medal ceremonies will be held each night of the winter games.

Everywhere
Flags of the organising committee, known as OCO '88, were everywhere in the city. They were whipped by winds that made the temperature of minus 4 degrees seem even colder.

Snow flurries dusted the city overnight, but yesterday was generally clear. The cold weather, which arrived late last week, has given organisers a chance to stockpile snow and cover skating areas with manmade snow.

The forecast called for snow flurries today and tomorrow, with even colder temperatures.

The frigid weather did little to dissuade fans hoping to get the

last few prime tickets for major events.

Warmed

More than 4,000 people, wearing ski masks, Parkas and thermal hoods and warmed by woollen blankets and steaming beverages, waited up to 14 hours on Monday to buy leftover tickets to the opening ceremonies, ice hockey medal round games and other top contests.

"It was well worth it," said Kristen Cameron, who stayed up all night to buy two \$75-seats for the opening ceremonies.

The 200 available tickets for the opening ceremonies were the first to go. Organisers later reported sellouts for closing ceremonies, figure skating, speedskating, short-track speedskating and most medal-round hockey.

Former Olympic champion enjoys life as a pro

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3. (AP): Scott Hamilton, 1984 Olympic gold medalist and the highest-paid male figure skater in the world, is enjoying a busy life as a pro, elated with the artistic freedom it affords him.

As Brian Boitano and Debi Thomas prepare for figure skating for the winter Olympic games in Calgary, Hamilton rehearses in southern California as the headline act for an upcoming "festival on ice" show in Nevada.

"I'm grateful there's life after the Olympics," he said in an interview. "In a lot of other sports, you don't have that."

Involved

When asked whether he felt a twinge of the post-Olympic blues, he replied: "I'd like to be there. I would like to be involved, to compete. But I'm a professional. I'm in another phase of my career and life right now."

Hamilton has been asked to write opinion pieces on figure skating competitors. "But, as far as day to day coverage, I'll be a spectator."

Hamilton said he experienced

an easy transition into a pro career after 1984 games, deciding that at 25 that the money to be made was too good to pass up.

"At that time, I was broke and living in a friend's basement," he said. "I felt it was time for me to go on and pursue other things."

Declined

Although he declined to say how much he makes, his Los Angeles publicist, Michael Sterling, said Hamilton earns "in the six to seven digits per year, ever since 1984."

"My amateur career was a fantasy," Hamilton said. "I had a miraculous debut."

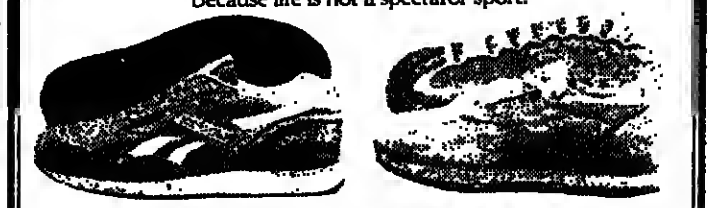
Hamilton began seriously training at 13 and was on the 1980 US Olympic squad, taking fifth place at Lake Placid, New York, that year.

He won eight consecutive national and world titles beginning in 1981 and the gold medal he won in 1984 at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, was the first won by an American since 1960. The United States Olympic committee voted him Male Athlete of the Year in 1981.



Morocco's Benabichas runs with the ball as an Austrian player follows during a semifinal game in the "France 88" soccer tournament in Toulouse, France on Tuesday. Morocco defeated Austria 3-1. (Reuters wirephoto)

Reebok
Because life is not a spectator sport.



ORIENT SPORTS EQUIPMENT CO. W. L. L.
Showroom: Al-Muthanna Complex, Fahad Al Salem St.,
Shop 28, 29, 34, 35 Tel.: 2424068/2424087

URGENTLY REQUIRED

For mechanical maintenance contract 3 years duration

Helper/drivers

Must speak English and have transferable residence.

Apply in writing to:
Wood Group Engineering,
POB: 46672, Fukuoka.

SPORTS

Kuwait win first GCC military championship

KUWAIT won the first GCC Military Championship yesterday, taking 13 medals including seven gold medals.

Bahrain came second with ten medals including four gold medals, and Qatar was third with nine medals including two gold medals. The closing ceremony was held under the patronage of HH the Amir and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, who deputised Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad to attend.

The championships included shooting, marathon, weight lifting, equestrian and taekwondo competitions.

The equestrian and marathon contests were held yesterday, with Saudi Arabia winning the equestrian event and Kuwait's Ahmad Al Enizi winning the marathon.

Sheikh Nawaf gave away the cups and prizes.



Sheikh Nawaf presents a cup to Al Enizi (left) and is seen with Kuwait's equestrian team

Becker begins his comeback in Davis Cup

LONDON, Feb 3. (Reuters): Boris Becker will be intent on exorcising the haunting memory of 1987 when he begins his new tennis year in West Germany's Davis Cup encounter against Brazil in Essen this week.

Eclipsed by Ivan Lendl, Pat Cash and Stefan Edberg in last year's four grand slam championships, the 1985 and 1986 Wimbledon champion finds himself in the strange position of having to rebuild his career and reputation at the age of 20.

First Becker missed last month's Australian Open, and the world group first round tie against Brazil which begins on Friday marks his first appearance since failing at the round-robin phase of the Grand Prix masters in New York in December.

The East German, who leads a team which includes Eric Jelen and Carl-Uwe Steeh, has slipped to fourth in the world rankings behind Lendl, Edberg and Mats Wilander, the new Australian title holder, but returns to official competition restored to full fitness.

Sweden, who won the Davis Cup for the third time in five years with a 5-0 rout of India the week before Christmas, have been forced to name a "weak" squad for their meeting with New Zealand on the indoor court at Gavle, which lies on the coast north of Stockholm.

Wilander, who 10 days ago became the first player since Ken Rosewall to win three Australian titles when he beat Cash in an epic five-set final, has taken a six-week sabbatical and Sweden will be represented by Edberg, Anders Jarryd, Peter Lundgren and Jonas Svensson.

Australia, who are seeded to meet Sweden in the semifinals, face a hazardous engagement in Mexico City where the passionate spectators can lift Jorge Lozano, Francisco Maciel and Leonardo Lavalle to undreamed of heights.

Adapt

Much will depend on how the Australians adapt to the slow clay court and on how quickly Cash has recovered from the crushing disappointment of losing to Wilander at Flinders Park.

India, seeded second by virtue of their 1987 heroics, have the benefit of home advantage against Yugoslavia in New Delhi where the outcome is likely to hinge on the singles involving Ramesh Krishnan and Slobodan Zivjovic.

Crown reach semifinals

CROWN beat Pak Sarhad by 40 runs to reach the semifinals at the Khaitao grounds.

Crown won the toss and elected to bat. Crown scored 160 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 25 overs. The batsmen reaching the double figures were Azam 40, Ijaz 39, Zahoor 29 and Ashraf 16.

Pak Sarhad scored only 120 runs for seven wickets in 25 overs. Main wicket-takers were Ijaz 3, Khuzema 2, Suhail and Zahoor took one wicket each.

Bridge results

RESULTS of the ladies bridge game played at the Messia Beach hotel yesterday.

1. Dorris Kimber & Lollo Marthwaite
 2. Sonia Banyan & Juliette Muskhawar
 3. Joannette Chiles & Nida Khalaf
- Sheraton hotel ladies bridge results N/S
1. Rita Casacchi & Donna Materny
 2. L.E. Lamerts & Doris Kimber
 3. Nadi Akel & Lollo Marthwaite
- E/W
1. Dianne Faulk & Mandy Clarke
 2. Rima Farah & Nichole Iskandar
 3. Chantilla Gurguis & Lilly Saker.

Wood upsets Gomer

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Feb 3. (AP): Clare Wood, ranked just 172nd in the world, upset seventh-seeded fellow Briton Sara Gomer 6-3, 6-3 today to advance to the third round of the \$50,000 Virginia Slims of Wellington women's tennis championship.

South African-born Wood was too steady for Gomer, who made the final of a tournament in Auckland last week.

Wood will play Simcoe Schilder of the Netherlands in the round of 16 of the 56-draw outdoor hardcourt event.

Schilder had a comfortable 6-1, 6-0 win today over Sherri Norris of the United States. In another upset, unseeded Julie Richardson of New Zealand defeated 12th-seed Marie-Christine Calleja of France, 6-2, 6-2.

Top seed Patty Fendick of the United States scored a 6-4, 6-2 triumph over fellow American Lindsay Bartlett and will face Richardson.

Second-seeded Australian Anne Minter and fourth-seeded Gretchen Magers of the United States both scored second-round wins.

RUGBY

Nomads face Bahrain in Gulf Cup semifinals

By Peter Jones

KUWAIT Nomads face Bahrain in the Gulf KO Cup semifinal at Fintas Park tomorrow (kick off 12 noon), a repeat of the 1986 semifinal, which remains the Nomads' only home defeat ever.

There is double reason for the Nomads to exact their revenge on their traditional rivals, as the victors will be at home in the final against the winners of the Muscat - Dubai tie, also being played tomorrow.

Kuwait name an unchanged team for the third successive match, an unprecedented event in a club where business commitments and the transient nature of the work force combine to make a settled team a rare event.

Selected

Team captain Steve Hill and his back row colleagues Alan Gihh and Mike Robinson, all selected this week for the Gulf Rugby Union's Select XV, will be

seeking to impose their will upon the Bahrain pack, which always pulls out all the stops against Kuwait sides.

The Nomads will surely attempt to win the battle up front before they risk getting the ball wide, where Bullies, another Gulf selection, is always dangerous.

The Nomads, other two representatives in the Gulf Select, prop Jack Braid and scrum half Bob Hall will also have key roles to play, but it will be the efforts of the many players in a concerted team effort which will be crucial if the Nomads are to secure victory.

Double feast

Should the Nomads win tomorrow, it will mean a double feast for Kuwait's rugby enthusiasts, as the club's 2nd XV have already booked their 2nd XV final berth. Their semi-final opponents, Muscat 2nds, were unable to travel to Kuwait and thus conceded the match.

Vengsarkar banned for six months

BOMBAY, Feb 3. (Reuters): Indian cricket captain Dilip Vengsarkar was banned today from playing for his country or state for the next six months after defying an order not to write about international matches while playing in them.

The ban, the first in Indian cricket history, was imposed at a special general meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Vengsarkar was also fined Rs 10,000 (\$750).

BCCI secretary Ranbir Singh said the penalties were unanimously decided by the 30-member board because Vengsarkar had defied its earlier ruling and violated the contract he had signed which forbade him to write newspaper articles during the recent India-West Indies series.

The ban, which takes immediate effect, will bar Vengsarkar from the Asia Cup in Dhaka later this month and the Sharjah Cup in the United Arab Emirates in March.

Gurusingha's blazing century helps Sri Lanka to win

BENDIGO, Australia, Feb 3. (Reuters): A blazing century by Asanka Gurusingha spearheaded Sri Lanka to an easy 110-run victory over a Victorian Country XI here today.

Gurusingha pounded the bowling for an unbeaten 116 off only 104 balls as the Sri Lankans powered to 262 for five in their 50 overs before a crowd of about 5,000 at the Queen Elizabeth oval.

In reply the country team were dismissed for only 152 in 47.5 overs.

Showed

Sri Lanka's opening pair of Roshan Mahanama and Brendon Kuruppu showed the way by putting on 78 runs in 84 minutes before Kuruppu was dismissed for 33.

This brought Gurusingha to the crease and the left-hander went straight onto the attack, crashing six sixes and seven fours.

The country team were in trouble right from the start with Graeme Labrooy taking a wicket

before a run had been scored. They shumped to 22 for three before Russell Schultz led a revival with 44 before he also fell to Labrooy.

Labrooy was the most successful bowler, ending with four for 26 in his 10 overs.

The comprehensive victory was a morale-booster for Sri Lanka who begin a four-day match against Victoria on Saturday before facing Australia in an historic first Test match between the two countries beginning in Perth on February 12.

Scoreboard

SRI LANKA
R. Kuruppu c Walsh b McMurray 33
R. Mahanama c McMurray b Whiting 61
A. Gurusingha not out 116
R. Madugalle run out 11
C. De Silva run out 2
Asoka De Silva not out 15
Extras (lb 4 sb 4 w 7) 15
Total (for five wickets - 50 overs) 262
Fall of wickets: 1-78 2-133 3-184 4-243 5-251
Did not bat: C. Ramaniyake, K. Amalean, G. Labrooy, S. Kasperman.

Bowling: Cameron 10-0-73-0 (4w), Rodda 10-1-43-0 (2w), Tippet 9-1-42-0 (2w 2w), McMurray 10-0-41-2, Whiting 6-1-24-1, Schultz 5-1-35-0 (1w).

VICTORIA COUNTRY XI
B. Ballantine c De Alwis b Labrooy 8
R. Schultz c Ramaniyake b Amalean 44
W. Walsh b Labrooy 11
B. Findlay b Labrooy 2
B. Tippet c De Alwis b Asoka De Silva 30
R. Bott not out 30
C. White c and b Aravinda de Silva 10
C. Holloway c Ramaniyake b Labrooy 8
R. Cameron lbw b Aravinda de Silva 6
C. Whiting run out 2
D. Rodda lbw b Ramaniyake 9
Extras (lb 9 sb 4 w 2) 15
Total (all out - 47.5 overs) 152
Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-15 3-22 4-25 5-97 6-120 7-120 8-140 9-142
(C. Holloway allowed to bat as substitute for D. McMurray by arrangement of the two captains.
Bowling: Labrooy 10-2-26-4 (2w 1w), Ramaniyake 8-5-0-19-1, Amalean 10-2-21-1 (1w), Kasperman 2-1-13-0, Asoka de Silva 7-0-28-1, Aravinda de Silva 10-1-36-2 (2w).
Result: Sri Lanka won by 110 runs.

Injury-hit England could also lose Gating

SYDNEY, Feb 3. (Reuters): Injury-hit England could be without skipper Mike Gating as well as pace bowlers Graham Dilley and Neil Foster when they face World Cup champions Australia in a one-day, bicentennial match in Melbourne tomorrow.

The new ball pair are definitely out, Foster with a stiff knee and Dilley with a groin strain, while the England captain was confined to his bed with a bad attack of flu today.

Dropped

Martyn Moxon, dropped from the side which played in the bicentennial Test, has been put on standby in case Gating has not recovered in time.

Wicketkeeper Bruce French has also been ruled out after taking a knock on a finger and his place will be taken by Jack Richards.

Altogether, the England side is expected to show five changes from the team which drew the bicentennial Test earlier this week.

Spinner Eddie Hemmings is the man likely to be left out of the 12 named today with Philip DeFreitas, Neil Radford and Paul Jarvis forming the pace attack. Batsman, Neil Fairbrother replaces Moxon.

If Jarvis plays, it will be his first international match for England after a long wait. A shoulder injury ruled him out of the World

Land Cruisers win rally

TOYOTA CITY: Toyota Land Cruisers won victories in both the improved production and marathon classes in the 10th Paris-Dakar Rally last week.

Driven by Jean Raut and M. Vanour, the Land Cruiser BJ73 took the improved production class title while the marathon class was won by the Land Cruiser FJ73, driven by Jero Riviere and Claude Herve, both of SIDAT Toyota-France.

Overall, Raut Vanour came in seventh and Riviere Herve, tenth.

A total of 85 Land Cruisers, more than any other make, took part in the Paris-Dakar rally this year.

Of the 419 four-wheel vehicles that took part in the event, 21 per cent, or 88 vehicles, crossed the finish line. Of the 85 Land Cruisers, 25, or 29 per cent, were successful. That is, more than one-quarter of the total.

Al Hajri to drive Audi Quattro

LONDON: Two times Middle East champion Saeed Al Hajri will drive a Rothmans Rally team Audi Quattro for the 1988 season. It was announced at the team's UK headquarters on Tuesday.

The car is a 450 brake horse power Quattro A2 and replaces the team's Porsche 911 SCRS which went into retirement at the end of last season. Its first outing in the familiar blue, white and red colours will be in the Qatar International Rally which opens the championship year on February 11-12.

Excited

"I am very excited about the new car," Al Hajri said. "At last I will have the power and speed to compete on equal terms with the Toyota Celica. Compared to the Toyota, the Porsche was greatly under-powered. Although it won me nine or ten championship rallies, I had to drive flat out on many of them."

"The Porsche was a great car for most of the four years we had it. In fact, at one time we were using three or four different models of the same series, but it began to be unreliable. We had a number of minor problems in Oman last November and the engine blew on the first stage in Dubai," the Qatar went on.

Al Hajri will be accompanied by a new but as yet unnamed co-driver this year. Irish Ronan Morgan having signed up with Toyota and Mohammed Bin Sulayem.

"When you change your car, it is sometimes beneficial to change

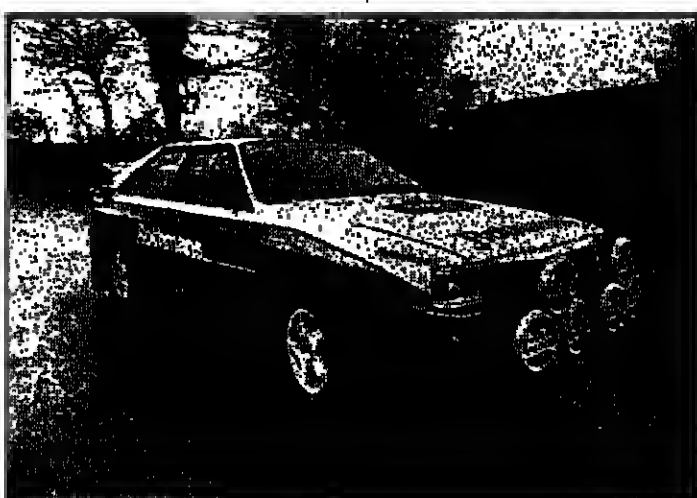


Al Hajri (left) and his Audi Quattro

co-drivers as well," said the Rothmans star. "Ronan is an excellent navigator and we made a very good team. I wish him and Mohammed all the luck."

The short-wheel-based Quattro is prepared by UK Audi specialist David Sutton who managed the Rothmans Rally team in 1981 when it won the World Championship with flying Finn Ari Vatanen and co-driver David Richards.

Richards went on to run the Rothmans Rally team in the Middle East, first with Opel and then with Porsche - a six-year relationship that brought the team and Al Hajri every regional title. The former world champion now owns and runs Prodrive, the biggest indepen-



Quattro and the Qatari will be unbeatable and that it will reclaim the Middle East title won by Sulayem for the past two years.

deot rally and race team in Britain, operating BMWs with John Spiller - one-time navigator for Al Hajri and Sulayem - as rallies manager.

In the Middle East, Audis have rarely lived up to their potential, but Al Hajri returned recently from testing the A2 in Britain and pronounced it perfect for the job.

Delicate

"Certainly, the Quattro can be mechanically delicate, but it all depends on the preparation," Al Hajri went on. "Middle East rallies are no tougher on vehicle than many in the world championship where Audi have notched up a whole string of victories."

The team is now out to prove that the combination of the

Al Athla trophy

AL ATHLA champion's trophy final, organised by Kuwait Cricket League (KCL) between arch rivals Evergreen and Kiffo will be played at Sabah Al Salem area (NC) ground tomorrow.

This will be a 45 overs, full day match starting at 9.00 am. Prize distribution ceremony will be held immediately after the match around 4.00 pm. Tariq Al-Naqbi, managing director of Al-Athla Co., the sponsors of the tournament, will be the chief guest and Ifikhar Mehr, their general manager will give away the prizes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In view of the public demand and in response to the needs of our esteemed clientele, **The Grand Stores** is pleased to inform that **SHAHNAZ HUSSEIN**, India's grand dame of herbal beauty will be extending her stay in Kuwait until Friday evening and will be available for hair and skin treatment consultations at the **The Grand Stores** counter, at the Perfumes and Cosmetics Exhibition in Mishrif, International Fair Ground.

FIRST TIME IN KUWAIT ONE NIGHT ONLY
February 10, 1988

AIDEN J. HARVEY
Famous Impressionist & Comedian
PERFORMING AT
Messiah Beach Hotel
in **Al Jawharah Night Club**
Full Dinner & Show
Table Reservations: 5624111 Ext. 705/712

Messiah Beach Hotel **مسيح بيتش هوتل**
MANAGEMENT: Messiah Beach Company S.A.K.

FOR RENT SALWA COMPLEX

Remaining 12 apartments of 250 square metres each.

Each apartment consists of a master Brm and 3 more Brms plus maid's room, all with fitted cupboards. 4 bathrooms plus guest toilet. Spacious living room with dining area and kitchen with fitted cabinets.

Facilities in the Complex include:

- Swimming pool
- Squash courts
- Health club
- Children's playground
- Parties Hall

Close to the schools, supermarkets & beach. Rent for each apartment is KD\$50/- including water & electricity charges plus facilities. For information, viewing and rentals call the owner's sole appointed agent. Tel: 5747530-5747531.